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29th April	CALEDONIA	7558	....	......
6th May	ARCADIA	6603	MOLDAVIA	9500
13th ,,	MACEDONIA	10512	....	....
20th ,,	PENINSULAR	5294	VICTORIA	6023
27th ,,	ARABIA	7903	....	......
3rd June	ARCADIA	6603	HIMALAYA	6898
10th ,,	PERSIA	7951	....	......
17th ,,	PENINSULAR	5294	INDIA	7911
24th ,,	EGYPT	7912	....	....
1st July	ARCADIA	6603	BRITANNIA	6525
8th ,,	CALEDONIA	7558	....	......
15th ,,	PENINSULAR	5294	MONGOLIA	9505
22nd ,,	ARCADIA	6603	....	......
29th ,,	ORIENTAL	5284	MARMORA	10509

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. PATERSON BROWN,
Manager.

Bombay, 27th April, 1905.

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By order,
CURRIMBHOY EBRAHIM & CO.,
Secretaries, Treasurers and Agents.

Bombay, 25th April, 1905.

NOTICE.

THE MALAYSIAN COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE following SPECIAL RESOLUTION was passed at the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company held on the 12th April, 1905, and duly confirmed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 27th April, 1905.

"That the Company be Voluntarily wound up."

Bombay, 27th April, 1905.

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W. B. WRIGHT,
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Dharwar, 20th April, 1905.

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BARGAIN PRICES.

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE Clan Line steamer Clan Colquhoun, 3760 tons, Captain H Sumner, arrived in harbour yesterday from Delagoa Bay 7th April in ballast.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Obra, 3496 tons, Captain J Johnston, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta 16 April with a cargo of coal.

THE Clan Line Co's steamer Clan Buchanan, 1917 tons, Captain J C Main, arrived in harbour yesterday from Moji 4th April with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Dumra, 762 tons, Captain Le-Grand, arrived in harbour to-day from Karachi 4th April via Cutch Mandvie, with a general cargo and the following passengers—Mr H Hill, Mr J Thompson, Major Finch, Mr C Corkbut James, Mr F W Bryant, Mr and Mrs Flatt and Mr Hamin Abdul.

VESSELS IN DOCKS.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destinations.	Date.	Agents.
A	Clan Mackinon	3049	Jones	Marseilles	10-5	F Muir & Co
B	Inkonka	1206	W O Moon	A'werp	6-5	J Mackin
C&B	Aston Hall	2223	McFee	Liverpool	2-5	K Nixon & Co
D&E	Dunbarmoor	2331	Moffitt	Barcelona	4-5	Ralli Bros
F	City of Dundee	2212	Bolton	K'chi	29-4	K Nixon & Co
G	Ahmedi	7640	Cooks	Red See ports	1-5	B & PSNCo
M	Afghan	1439	Lexter	Calcutta	2-5	H C Joosub
N	Newholm	2194	Clarke	Moote Dupe	29-4	W R Willers Co
O	Hartlepool	2871	Upperton	Hull	2-5	E Latham & Co
P	Glenden	2065	Hurst	Baltimore	29-5	R A Willis
Q	Umsinga	1894	Richards	Port Said	28-4	K N & Co

Offside O

Bengal	1257	Phillips	China	2-5	P & O Co

H. W. P. D.

Puri	643	Ahmed	Manglore	28-4	Shephd & Co
Mohamadi	547	Hoosein	Karachi	29-4	Shpd & Co

P. D. M. D. D.

Beme	1899	Guy			Show Wallace & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

1	Scindia	3253	Abrey	Liverpool	29-4	W & A G & Co
2	Nubia	3874	Tillard	Stream	28-4	P & O S N Co
3	Clan Ferguson	3107	Mcalister	London	6-5	F M & Co
5	Dalmatia	3617	Hamilton	Mar'les	28-4	W & A G & Co
7	Imperatrix	2353	Gherzo	Trieste	1-5	A L S N Co
8	Nippon	3999	Soich	Kobe	29-4	A L S N Co
9	M Bacquehem	2752	Rasswich	Trieste	26-4	A L S N Co
9	Lichtenfels	5768	Frericks	Karachi	5 5	Glade & Co
10&11	Marwarri	3622	Armstrong	Hamburg	1-5	K N & C
12	Ville-de-la Ciotat		Fiaschi	Roumea	28-4	M M & Co
14	Lhasa	941	McDiarmed	Busrah	28-4	M M & Co

V. DOCK H. WALL.

Dumra	762	Legrand	M M & Co

ARRIVALS.

Apl.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
26	Clan Buchanan s	Main	Moji April 4
27	HMS Hyacinth	Hood	Muscat &c
	HMS Proserpine	Hulbert	Muscat
	Dumra s	LeGrand	Karachi April 24
	Clan Colquhoun s	Sumner	Delagoa April 7

The following vessels obtained their portclearances yesterday:—

Steamer Newholm, Clark for Mostyn Deep
" Lhasa McDiarmid for Persian Gulf

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—

Steamer Cromwell for Antwerp &c
Clan Colquhoun for Marseilles and Liverpool

CALCUTTA.

DEPARTURE.

April 21—Strs. Kumsang, Vimeira, Ameer and Orwell.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

April	Vessel.	From
23	Zillah	Calcutta
24	Umlari	Calcutta
24	Ayuthia	Bangkok

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS).

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The B I S N Co's steamer Golconda left Suez on the morning of the 25th instant.

ADEN, APRIL 27.

The P and O Co's steamer Peninsular with the homeward mails of the 22nd instant arrived here at 1 a.m. on Thursday 27th instant.

SUEZ, APRIL 27.

The P and O Co's steamer Britannia with the outward mails of the 21st instant left here at 3 a.m. on Thursday 27th instant.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer Silesia from Bombay arrived at Aden on the 27th instant at daybreak.

DAILY EXPORTS.—APRIL 27.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Scindia s—16 bales cotton Ralli Bros; 14 bales wool The Bombay Co; 62 bales wool W & A Graham and Co; 65 bales wool David Sassoon and Co; 18 cases curry powder Merwanjee Peenjajee and Sons.

Aston Hall s—32 bales wool J Doongersee 41 bales wool and goat hair R M Kooka; 200 bales wool H A M Oosman; 31 bales cotton waste J C Kadiwalla; 225 cwts gram 262 cwts grain 162 cwts rapeseed Swaping Herjee Kanjee

FOR LONDON.

Caledonia s—63 cwts deer horns W Mahomed and Co; 23 cws ivory K N Miani

Clan Ferguson s—50 bales hemp C Sanjana and 1192 cwts cottonseed Ralli Brothers

FOR AMSTERDAM.

Clan Ferguson s—1000 cwts linseed David Sassoon and Co

FOR HULL.

Hartlepool s—6600 cwts wheat Ralli Brothers; 3999 cwts linseed E D Sassoon and Co

FOR HAMBURG.

Marwarri s—600 bales cotton Ralli Brothers: 667 bales cottonfly W Wolf and Sons; 2999 cwts rapeseed E D Sassoon and Co

FOR HAVRE.

Clan Mackinnon s—200 cwts mustardseed Volkatt Bros; 200 bales cotton 5200 cwts linseed Ralli Bros: 50 bales hemp Kiddle Reeve and Co

FOR ANTWERP.

Cromwell s—1511 bales 3030 cwts cottonseed 6417 cwts teelseed Ralli Bros; 2400 cwts poppyseed E D Sassoon and Co; 275 bales coton The Bombay Co; 400 bale hemp N Futebally and Co; 165 bales cottonfly Worman and Co; 605 bales cotton waste Khetsidas Hurmukroy and Co; 150 cwts gum, P Jothabhoy

Clan Colquhoun s 1000 cwts myrabollams Societa Colomba Italiana

Inkonka s—2000 cwts wheat L Curamchand; 500 cwts myrabollam Societa Colomba Italiana; 60 bales hemp Khimjee Visram and Co; 1000 cwts poppyseed Nansee Khairaz and Co

FOR MARSEILLES.

Dalmatia s—1600 cwts wheat Ralli Brothers

Scindia s—3000 cwts groundnuts Dharsee Nanjee and Co; 62 cwts olibanum H Shariff 2 bales hemp Ebjee Oomersey,

FOR ALICANTE.

Scindia s—55 bales aloe fibre The Bombay Co

FOR BARCELONA.

Dunbarmorr s—2000 cwts wheat Ralli Brothers

FOR FIUME.

Imperatrix s—112 bales cotton Ralli Bros

FOR TRIESTE

Imperatrix s—672 bales cotton Ralli Brothers

FOR ODESSA.

Imperatrix s—500 cwts myrabollams P Jethabhy

FOR SHANGHAI.

Bengal s—300 bales cotton Volkart Brothers;

FOR HONGKONG.

Bengal s—178 cwts raesins D Nathod and Co

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(The "Bombay Government Gazette," April 27.)

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Lieut B C Fellows A de C to the Political Resident Aden is granted privilege leave for three months combined with one month's leave to England from the 19th May or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

H E the Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Mr J McNeill I C S to act as Political Agent Savanur in addition to his own duties during the absence on leave of Mr M C Gibb L L B Cantab I C S or pending further orders.

H E the Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Mr L C Swifte I C S to act as Political Agent Bhor vice Mr A C Logan I C S pending further orders.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Under section 37 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 the Govr in Council is pleased to empower Mr Krishnaji Vasudev Joshi Mamlatdar taluka Sangamner and Magistrate of the First Class in the district of Ahmednagar to try in a summary way all the offences mentioned or referred to in section 260 of the same Code.

The undermentioned officers are appointed under section 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 to be Magis of third Class in the districts noted against their names;—Mr R G Gordon I C S Ahmedabad; Mr L Graham I C S Dharwar; Mr W Greer I C S Ahmednagar and Mr G Wiles I C S Ahmedabad.

The Govr in Council is pleased to confirm the appointment made by the Honourable the Chief Justice of His Majesty's High Court of Judicature at Bombay of Mr H D Rendall B A Cantab I C S to act as Registrar of the High Court Appellate Side during the absence of Mr R D Sethna B A L L B at L on leave or until further orders.

Mr P O'Brien Probationary Third Grade Assist Superint of Police Karachi passed on the 11th March an examination in Law according to the test prescribed in Rule X V of the Rules relating to Police Officers dated the 22nd Dec 1894.

Mr B W Kissan I C S Asst Col in the district of Ahmedabad is appointed under section 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 to be a Magis of the First Class in that dist.

Mr J E Husbands I C S Assis Collector in the dist of Kaira is appointed under section 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 to be a Magist of the First Class in the dist.

The Govr in Council is pleased under Section 435 1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 to empower Messrs C S Campbell I C S Raghunath Vasudev Dashputre and Vinayak Krishna Namjoshi Sub divisional Magis in the dist of Khandesh to call for and examine the record of any proceeding before any inferior criminal court situated within local limits of their respective jurisdictions.

Mr T D Fry I C S Judge and Sessions Judge Poona and Agent for Sardars in the Deccan has been granted privilege leave for forty-two days with effect from the date of his relief.

The Govr in Council is pleased to make the following appointments;—Mr E M Pratt I C S to act as Judge and Sessions Judge Poona and Agent for Sardars in the Deccan during the absence of Mr Fry or pending further orders and Mr F K Boyd I C S to act as Remembrancer of Legal Affairs vice Mr Pratt pending further orders.

Mr C S Marston First Grade Assist Superint of Police has been allowed by the Secretary of State for India an extension for nine months of the furlough granted to him in Govt Notification No 1088 dated the 29th Feb.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Mr H L Newman Divisional Forest Officer W D Kanara is granted privilege leave for three months in combination with special leave on urgent private affairs for three months.

H Exy the Govr in Council is pleased to make the following transfers—Mr Bajibhai Patel L C E to be Extra Assist Conservator of Forests Northern Circle and Mr Metharam Denmal Jagtiani to be Extra Assist Conservator of Forests Sind Circle.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr F B Pendarves Lory M A Oxon, Acting Educational Inspector Northern Division is granted three months privilege leave from the date on which he is relived.

With reference to Govt Notification No 554 dated the 20th Feb H Exy the Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Mr Gopal Balkrishna Rishi L C E to act as Lecturer in Engineering College of Science Poona vice Mr Bomanji Hormasji Pavri L C E or until further orders.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Major E G R Whitco be I M S has been appointed to act as Civil Sur Jacobabad from the afternoon of the 27th March in addition to his own duties.

The following order of the Gen Officer Commanding Bombay Brigade No 605 dated the 20th April is published—Furlough and Leave—See Lieut H R Rylands Bombay Volunteer Rifles is granted leave of absence out of India from the 6th May to the 5th Nov 1905.

The following Notifications by the Govt of India M Dept are republished—Simla the 21st April Volunteer Corps Karachi Artillery Volunteers Capt William Sutherland to be Major to complete the establishment vice Hayward transferred to the Supernummerary List with effect from the 1st Nov 1904.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mr C Rogers Accountant 1st Grade and Hon Assis Examiner is granted privilege leave for one month and nineteen days combined with furlough for one year six days under Articles 233 260 and 338 (a) of the Civil Service Regulations with effect from the forenoon of the 15th April.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m. yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Plague Deaths	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	4	0	5
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	26	16	30
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	29	18	30
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahaluxmi	14	14	24
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagapada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagapada	37	29	49
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	24	20	31
G Mahim and Worli	29	30	42
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	5	12
Total	163	132	224
Total plague deaths to date	258,829		242,335
Same date last year	108	88	157

SMALL-POX.

Attacks.	Deaths.
12	6

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

LONDON, APRIL 26.

SECURITIES—		
2 1-2 per cent. Consols	£90 11-16	= −1-8
3 do. Rentes	£99	= unchanged
3 1-2 do. Indian Sterling Loan	£106 1/2	= −1-4
3 1-2 per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£66 1/8	= unchanged
SILVER—		
Spot in London	26 5/16	= −1-8
2 months hence	26 3/16	= −1-8
Spot in New York	57	= −1-2
EXCHANGES—		
Paris cheques	25·15	= +1/2
Berlin "	20·48	= −1/2
New York Demand	4·86 3/8	= +1-8
DISCOUNTS—		
Bank of England	2 1/2 per cent	= unchanged
3 months sight Bank Bills	2 1/8 per cent	= do
3 " "	2 1/4 per cent	= +1/8
3 " " Fine Trade Bills	2 1/2 per cent	= −1/8
3 months sight Fine Trade Bills	2 3/4 per cent	= unchanged
INTEREST—		
Day to day loans	1 7/8 per cent	= +1/4
7 day market loans	2 1/8 per cent	= +1/4

SUGAR—
German granulated 1st marks 14-11 1-4 sellers tone dull

WHEAT—
White Karachi 30 3-4 sellers tone firm

RAPESEED—
Tone of Rapeseed firm

LINSEED—
Linseed Bold 40 3-8 business done, tone quiet.

COFFEE—
Coffee in New York, 7 3/4 + 1/8

At the Periodical biddings for Council Bills for Rs. 40,00,000

Rs. 20,20,000	were allotted to	Calcutta
Rs. 7,60,000	do	Bombay
Rs. 4,20,000	do	Madras
32,00,000		

At 1s. 3 15-16d.

Minimum rate received 10 per cent.

Telegraphic Transfers—

Rs. 1,50,000	were allotted to	Calcutta.
Rs. 6,50,000	do	Bombay
Rs.	do	Madras
8,00,000		

At 1s. 3 31-32d.

Minimum rate received 10 per cent.
Total amount sold during the week Rs. 40,00,000
Amount to be allotted next week Rs. 30,00,000
Extra allotments Bills on Bombay, Rs. 9,40,000 at 1s. 3 31-32d.
Extra allotments Bills on Calcutta Rs. 1,00,000 at 1s. 3 31-32d.
Extra allotments Bills on Madras Rs. 1,50,000 at 1s 3 31 32d.

In Liverpool.—Cotton Market closed quiet. East Indian quiet. Manchester firm. Total sales 8,000 bales. Spot 4·07—5. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 6 3-4—1-16 Sold on speculation and for Export 1,500 bales. Imports 38,000 bales. Future closed steady.

April-May	May-June	June-July
3·94	3·94	3·96
−1	−2	−2
July-Aug.	**Aug.-Sept.**	**Sept.-Oct.**
3·98	4·00	4·01
−2	−2	−2
Oct.-Nov.	**Nov.-Dec.**	**Dec.-Jan.**
4·02	4·03	4·04
−2	−2	−2

Receipts at U S Ports	25,000 bales
Do. last year	6,000 "
Exports to Great Britain	5,000 "
Do. do Continent	nil

IN NEW YORK—

Spot	7·55 −5
Futures, month of July	7·11 +4 a
Do. do. December	7·38 +9 b

a Advanced owing to Southern spinners said to be bidding more freely.
b Advanced owing to support by New Orleans bull party.

IN NEW ORLEANS—

Spot	7 3-16 unchanged
Futures, month of July	6·94+7
Do. do. October	7·16+8
Tone at close	steady

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Wednesday, 25th April, 1905:—

Cotton	17,444 bales.
Wheat	20,359 cwts.
Linseed	10,228 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard	1,115 "
Gingellyseed	268 "
Poppyseed	1,427 "
Groundnuts	605 "
Castorseed	1,873 "
Rice	1,723 "
Myrabollams	94 "
Cottonseed	3,152 "
Mowraseed	nil
Gram	1,113 "
Joowar	5,240 "
Maize	5 "

BOMBAY, APRIL 27.

Exchange—Tone quiet.

Bank T. T.				1s. 3 15-16d
Bank Demand				1s. 3 15-16d
Credit Bills	3 Months' sight	do		1s. 4 1-8d.
Do	6	do	do	1s. 4 3-16d to 7-32d.
French Francs	3	do	do	169 1-2
Marks	3	do	do	137 3-4
Hongkong	30	Days' Sight		136
Shanghai	30	do		191 1-2
Japan	30	do	do	149

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—3 1/2 per cent. Tone quiet.

Cash	98·13
1st Settlement	98·13
2nd do	98·11

Money Market, Tone quiet.

BANK RATE.—

Bank of England since	9th March	2 1-2	per cent
Bank of Bombay do	14th April	5	do
Bank of Bengal do	14th do	4	do
Bank of Madras do	15th do	6	do

SEEDS.

	Rs	a	p
LINSEED—Tone steady.			
Ready	6	14	6
Forward May Suttah	7	0	0
RAPESEED—Tone easier.			
Brown Cawnpore, Ready	6	10	0
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready	7	2	0
POPPYSEED—Tone quiet but steady.			
Ready	7	6	0
CASTORSEED—Tone steady.			
Ready	28	0	0
GINGELLYSEED.—Tone quotations nominal.			
Yellow Hingenghat	49	0	0
WHEAT.—Tone quiet.			
White Delhi ready	4	9	6
Do. Do May	4	10	0

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM

Tone—steady.
Estimated sales 7,000 bales.
Imports 10,000

Apl.-May	May-June	June-July
3·95	3·95	3·97
+1	+1	+1
July-Aug	**Aug.-Sept.**	**Sept.-Oct.**
3·99	4·01	4·02
−1	−1	+1
Oct.-Nov	**Nov.-Dec.**	**Dec.-Jan.**
4·03	4·04	4·05
+1	+1	+1

COTTON.—The local market is quiet but steady and prices are unchanged. There is very little business passing as prices here are too high in comparison with values ruling in the Home markets, and neither Japan nor the local mills are purchasing except on a limited scale.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited:—

Bengal (H.-G.) (Ry. terms)	161	149	...	24th May,
Bengals, M. G Ry terms	166	156	...	
Sind-Punjab M G.	165	155	...	
Oomrawattee (despota) (M.-G.)	177	171	...	
Khandeish do.	...	167	161	
Jalgaon do.	...	169	163	
Khangaum fair staple (M-G) Karanja do. do. do. Akola do. do. do.	177	171	...	
Oomra, good staple (M.G.)	185	179	...	
Dhamangaum Poolgaum (M-G)	183	177	...	
Nagpore and Kampti do	189	183	...	
Broach (M.-G.)	201	198	195	
Dharwar (S.-G)	...	...	195	25th May
Westerns	...	...	182	

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, APRIL 26

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed	quiet
Surats	quiet
Good Bhownuggar	......
The Manchester Market has been	firm
2 1-2 per cent Consols	90 11/16
3 per cent Rentes	99
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan	106 1/2
3 1-2 per cent Rupee Papers	66 1/8
Bar Silver	26 5/16

COINAGE OF BRITISH INDIAN GOVT. COINS.

The following is the statement of Silver Operations at the Bombay Mint from 16th April to 22nd April:—In Lakhs of Standard Tolas.

RECEIPTS—	
Purchased silver	21
Withdrawn and uncurrent coin from Treasuries, &c	1
Native States coin	...
Total	22
COINAGE—	
New Rupees delivered to Treasuries or Currency Department	14
New Rupees made over to Native States	...
Total	14
BALANCE OF BULLION AND COIN—	
New coin ready for delivery	3
Government Bullion	31
Currency Bullion	209
Withdrawn and uncurrent coin	1
Total	244

COINAGE OF BRITISH DOLLARS.

Receipts of Bullion for Dollar Coinage	...
Dollars Coined and paid over	...
Closing Balance of Bullion	...

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATH and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional lines CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

COUCHMAN—April 14, at Castle Grove, Simla, the wife of Mr F D Couchman, P W D, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

BATTYE—April 4, at Dharmsala, killed instantly by the earthquake, Florence Eileen Rose, aged 7 years, and Arthur Charles, aged 4 years, the dearly loved children of Major and Mrs A H Battye 1st Gorkha Rifles.

LANE—April 4, at Dharmsala, killed by the earthquake, Charles Eugene (Charlie), the dearly loved little son of Major D T Lane, IMS, aged 7 years.

PAPARIDINE.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 34m. Sun sets, 6h. 21m. High water, 7-5m., 7-55a. Low water, 1-20m., 0-59a.

P. and O. s.s, Macedonia, with English mails of the 14th inst., due to arrive at 9 a.m.

FATAL RIDING ACCIDENT.—Abdul Kurrim Mahomed, the horse-trainer who met with a serious riding accident near the General Post Office on Tuesday last while riding a horse belonging to Mr. R. J. Tata, died at the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital on Wednesday. The cause of death was fracture of the base of the skull.

POSTAL NOTICE.—A mail for Aden, Egypt and Europe, consisting of letters and packets specially marked for transmission per Austrian Lloyd's s. s. "Imperatrix" will be made up at the Bombay General Post Office for despatch to destination at 3 p. m., on Monday, the 1st May. Letters &c., for Aden will also be despatched by this steamer.

FATAL FALL.—Dhondibai, a Hindu woman, aged twenty, residing on the first floor of a house at Koliwada, Colaba, was hanging a sari on a bamboo outside the window of her room on Wednesday, when she lost her balance and fell into the gully. She was picked up unconscious, and conveyed to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, where she died the same evening.

FATAL STREET ACCIDENT.—Paulin Pascol, a Native Christian woman, residing with her husband at Matoonga, was on Wednesday last going along Parel Road, when she was accidentally knocked down by a bullock cart. One of the wheels of the cart passed over legs, fracturing them. She was removed to the J. J. Hospital, where she died the same evening.

BURGLARY AT WODEHOUSE ROAD.—Mr. Burjorji S. Jassawalla, who lives at Wodehouse Road, has made a report to the Police that during the absence of himself and family for a few days from Bombay, his residence was broken into and property consisting of watches, spectacles and a pearl necklace, of the collective value of Rs. 243 was stolen from a cupboard.

BASSEIN PILGRIMAGE.—The Pilgrimage to the Bassein Fort in honour of St. Gonsalo Garcia will take place on Sunday as the re-roofing of the old ruined edifice is now quite complete. His Lordship the Archbishop-Bishop of Damaun will be present on the occasion. The High Mass will begin at 11-30. There will be Low Masses from 7 o'clock successively. The special train will leave Colaba at 7 a. m. (Bombay time) and Bassein Road station on return at 5-50 p.m. (Bombay time.) The tide will be on the whole more favourable than in the previous years. Boats will be available at the Bhaynder Bunder.

TEMPTATION TOO GREAT.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Second Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Murray charged Najookbai, a Mahomedan woman, with theft of a belt containing sovereigns, pearls, etc., of the collective value of Rs. 1,053, the property of one Abdulla bin Allippa. The evidence showed that the complainant and the accused lived in the same chawl at Chuckla. On Wednesday morning, the complainant went to a water tap on the first floor of the chawl, and leaving aside his belt, the pocket of which contained the valuables, he opened the tap for the purpose of having a bath. But finding no water in the tap, he went to the tap on the ground floor, forgetting to take the belt with him. When he returned about ten minutes after, he missed the belt and made a report to the police. The accused, who lived on the same floor was arrested on suspicion, and she at once made a clean breast of the whole matter. She pointed out the money, which she had concealed under the tiles of the roof. The Magistrate convicted the accused and considering the temptation she was put to, sentenced her to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

A FRIENDLY ACT.—Before Mr. J.W.S. Dracup, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Inspector Paterson charged Jumnabai, a Hindu woman, with stealing gold ornaments of the value of Rs. 550 from the person of Wallibai, also a Hindu woman and with wrongfully confining her by placing a lock on her door. The evidence showed that both the women lived at Grant Road and were acquainted with each other. On Tuesday morning, the accused Jumnabai went to wash her clothes at the tap in the complainant's house. The complainant assisted her in washing the clothes. After the work was over the complainant at the request of the accused went with her to her house. There they had some liquor to drink. Shortly afterwards the complainant fell asleep. When she woke up, about two hours after, she found several gold ornaments missing from her neck, and the door of the room locked from outside. The accused was not there. She raised an alarm. The police came and unlocked the door in the presence of a "punch." Enquiries were made about the accused and she was found in a drunken state on Falkland Road, at 2 o'clock next morning, with all the ornaments in her possession. The accused in her defence said she did not remove the ornaments from the complainant's person with any dishonest motive. The complainant was a friend of hers, and she removed the ornaments from her, while under the influence of liquor. She locked the complainant up in the room, because the latter was asleep with some ornaments on her person. She intended to return the ornaments. The Magistrate on the evidence convicted the accused on both the charges, and sentenced her to an accumulated term of eight months' imprisonment with hard labour.

PUBLIC COMPANY MEETINGS.

THE COORLA SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANY.

THE thirty-third ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Company was held yesterday at the registered office, Church Gate Street, Sir Jehangir Cowasji Jehangir presiding. The following was the directors' report:—

"Your Directors beg to submit to you their annual report and the audited accounts up to 31st December 1904. The profits for the year amount to Rs. 1,16,816-8-1 including the balance brought forward from last account. Your directors regret to say that the result of the past year is not very satisfactory on account of the great and unprecedented rise in the price of cotton since the American war which left no margin on spinning and little on weaving. However, your Directors are pleased to inform you that the production of their mill has been sold well forward for the current year which will leave a good margin of profit. It is proposed to distribute the profits as follows to the payment of a dividend of Rs. 40 per share, Rs. 52,000, The machinery depreciation fund account Rs. 60,000 the bonus account Rs. 3,000 to carry forward Rs. 1,816-8-1, total Rs. 1,16,816-8-1 Your directors propose to order out about 300 new looms and some preparatory machinery to replace worn out machinery as they have been doing in the past. Also one pirn winding machine and one hydro extractor were added to the machinery last year. The mill buildings and machinery have been insured against fire for Rs. 12,49,400 and the stock for Rs. 4,40,000. Dr. Cowasjee Pestonjee and Mr. Cowasjee Jehangir retire from the board by rotation, but are eligible for re-election. You will also have to appoint an Auditor for the current year and fix his remuneration."

The report and audited accounts for the year ended 31st December 1904 were adopted and passed. A dividend at the rate of Rs. 40 per share was declared, Dr. Cowasji Pestonji and Mr. Cowasji Jehangir, who retired by rotation, were re-elected directors, Mr. Nowroji Ardasir Bomonji was re-elected auditor at a remuneration of Rs. 250. The best thanks of the meeting were accorded to the Directors and the Secretaries, Treasurers, and Agents for their able management of the Company's affairs. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

ORIENTAL GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

SATISFACTORY RESULTS.

AN extraordinary general meeting of the Oriental Government Security Life Assurance Company, Limited, was held yesterday at the offices of the Company, Oriental Buildings, Mr. Gordhandas Khatau being in the chair.

The chairman, in addressing the meeting, said: I rise to move the adoption of the Consulting Actuary's Valuation Report for the triennial period ended 31st December 1903, which, having been circulated to you, I will not read. It is a pleasing task I have to perform, as the Report shows, very clearly, that our Company still continues to advance in a most satisfactory manner. The Consulting Actuary gives figures which are indicative of the very substantial increase to our Income and Funds as also of the steady decrease in the expenses of management. He further shows that our claims have not been excessive, and that the rate of Interest which we have been able to earn has been steadily increasing notwithstanding the very restricted powers of investment which the Company possesses. The Consulting Actuary refers to this restriction suggesting the desirability of the extension of our powers, but as you are aware from references made at previous Meetings, the legal difficulties connected with the Company's Trust Deed render such a change most difficult—if not impossible—even if it were decided by you to be desirable. After the adoption of the Consulting Actuary's Report, the Company will be in a stronger position than it ever has been and if this cannot be attained without a temporary sacrifice, yet I think all will approve the policy adopted. A proper actuarial estimate of the net liability under our Policy contracts discloses the largest surplus in the history of the Company, namely over ten and a half lakhs—but from this surplus your Directors (acting upon the Consulting Actuary's advice) recommend that a sum equal to about half of the amount should be carried to increase the Investment Reserve Fund which was originated some years ago. This large augmentation has been rendered essential owing to the variations in the value of Government Paper in which, as you are aware, almost all our Funds are invested. The Consulting Actuary remarks that the experience of the "Oriental" has not been singular in this respect and on looking through the most recent returns to the British Board of Trade—and these by the way are for the year ending 31st December 1903—I find the following interesting figures. Taking 21 of the best known Companies we see that owing to the unexpected depreciation of Securities subsisting at that time, they have set aside or written off in one year as a Reserve a sum of over two million pounds sterling—that is over three crores of rupees or an average of nearly 15 lakhs to each office—and this in addition to their previously existing Investment Reserve Funds. Most of these Companies are older than the "Oriental," but the figures go to endorse the necessity for the course now proposed by us. The immediate effect of this writing off to Reserve of a large portion of the surplus is that our Bonus additions to Policies will be half of the rate allowed after last valuation. But I believe that all of you will agree that the recommendation of the Consulting Actuary, which your Directors accept as necessary in the Company's best interest—is a wise one. I cannot do better than repeat the words of the Consulting Actuary where he states that "the sum so withdrawn is merely set aside for the benefit of the Policyholders to render their security more complete, and the smaller sum now divisible does not in any way indicate weakness or a diminution in the profit-earning power of the Company. On the contrary, the course now adopted should have the effect of enhancing the profit-earning power of the Company and should increase rather than diminish the future Surplus profit. The Company is now stronger in its financial position than it has been formerly. It occupies an unassailable position in respect of its Investments; its Reserves have been materially strengthened; and its prospects of increased Bonuses in the future have been improved." The shareholders and policyholders have never had a more all round record of successful working placed before them in any Consulting Actuary's report than that contained in the Report now before us. I have much pleasure in moving that the Consulting Actuary's 10th Valuation Report on the Assets and Liabilities of the Company as at 31st December 1903 be, and the same is hereby adopted, and that this meeting decides that the amount of profits which has been realised during the triennium ending 31st December 1903, is the sum of Rs. 10,59,352 as found by the Consulting Actuary after taking into account in arriving at the said profits the sum of Rs. 73,437-3-10 standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund Account and it is resolved that the said Reserve Fund Account be closed by debiting thereto the sum of Rs. 73,437-3-10.

The propositions moved by the chairman were seconded by Sir Jamsetji Jijibhoy, and adopted by the meeting.

ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

Immediately after the above meeting, the thirteenth annual general meeting, of the Company was held in the same place, Mr. Gordhandas Khatau chairman of the Board of Directors, presiding. The directors' report has already been published.

The Chairman said:—As I have just addressed you at our extraordinary meeting in connection with the valuation report for our latest triennial period and so had occasion to review the Company's past record I do not propose to take up your time with further remarks but in a few sentences will refer to one of the very favourable features in the report for 1904. The report has been in your hands for some days, so does not require to be read to you now. I am sure that the steady progress the Company has made year by year, must have been a matter of satisfaction to you all and when I state that the year 1904, now under review, has been one of even more marked success than any preceding year—you will feel as I do, that our Company is one of whose position we have every right to be proud. The first point of interest I ask you to notice, is the large addition to the funds which have been increased by over seventeen and a half lakhs, the greatest increase ever recorded since the Company was established over thirty years ago. The funds of the Company are at this date close upon two and a half crores and when it is recollected, this is almost entirely invested in Government Paper—the exceptionally strong position the "Oriental" holds financially should give entire confidence to its policy-holders and attract to the Company many who desire to assure in an office whose stability is above question. The care your Directors have taken in the past to place only the best class of lives on the Books is, I think indicated in the mortality experienced. With increasing age, a heavier number of claims by death or by maturity of policies is expected and the increase under the latter class of policies will be found to largely account for the increase over the previous year. Another indication of public appreciation of our Company, is in the large amount of the new business written during 1904—over eighty-one lakhs, being five lakhs in excess of the previous year. When we consider the ever increasing number of Life Assurance Companies competing with us, it is most gratifying to write such a large new business, but still more satisfactory is it to find that this increase has been effected at a reduced expenditure. That there has been a marked decrease in the expenses reflects great credit on the management and I congratulate the Shareholders and Policyholders on this further indication that their interests are being so well safeguarded. The Directors continue to adopt measures to extend the Company's operations and the recently started Branches and Agencies have more than justified their being established. All new business which comes up for consideration continues, as formerly, to be most carefully selected and the directors are satisfied that the Company's representatives throughout the country realize that the best class of lives are only desired. With a desire to meet the wishes of certain policyholders to be more strongly represented on the Board, the Directors invited the Hon'ble Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola and Mr. Sorabjee Edulji Warden to joint the Board, and as these gentlemen agreed to do so, you will be asked to confirm their appointment to-day. It has been strongly urged by the chairman on previous occasions how much the Company's welfare could be advanced if our Shareholders and Policyholders did their part in bringing intending assurers to us; but I fear few have so been stimulated. To all those who have a true interest in the advancement of the "Oriental", I once again say—let us have your help to increase the number of our Assured. The nature of our constitution—the study given to the requirements of the assurer in India—the fact that the rates are based upon our actual experience—the exceptional financial strength of the Company—these, with many other attractive features, and with the splendid record of the Company's past before you—should encourage all to exert themselves to add prosperity to the Company in this and future years. The year that closed on 31st December last must be regarded as eminently successful and so I have much pleasure in moving that the Directors' report and audited accounts for that year be adopted.

The proposition for the adoption of the report and the audited accounts was seconded by Dr. Cowasji Hormusji, who said that during the years that he had been associated with the Company, he believed that no more satisfactory report of progress in all directions had ever been placed before them at an annual meeting. It was particularly creditable to their manager, Mr. Paterson Brown and to the other officers of the Company, at the Head Office and at the branches, that they had, by their close attention to the Company's interests, been able to show such a record of progress.

The proposition was agreed to unanimously.

Dr. A. D. Mody proposed, seconded by Mr. Roopsing M. Lowjee, and it was resolved, that Mr. Gordhandas Khatau and Dr. Cowasji Hormusji be re-elected directors, and that the appointment of the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula and Mr. Sorabji Eduljee Warden as directors be confirmed.

It was proposed by Dr. Cowasji Pestonji, seconded by Mr. Vassonji Bhagwandas, and resolved that Mr. Muncherji Mervanji Dadina, shareholders' auditor, and Mr. Bapooji Pestonji Wadia, policyholders' auditor, be re-elected on the same remuneration of Rs. 1,500 each.

It was proposed by Sir Jamsetji Jijibhoy, seconded by Mr. Cullianji Valji, and agreed to unanimously, that a dividend to the shareholders for the year ending 31st December 1904 be paid at the rate of Rs. 12 1-2 per cent, per annum.

Mr. S. E. Warden proposed that a vote of thanks be passed to the Company's agents and other representatives for their activity and zeal on behalf of the Company. Mr. Warden said that he had from an early age been connected with life assurance business, and had some experience of the work which the agents and representatives of Life Assurance Companies had to do to secure sound business for their Companies. From his personal observation Mr. Warden said he could testify to the care, discretion and zeal that was exercised by the manager in dealing with all the business of the Company.

Dr. Shantaram Vithal seconded the proposition, and it was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. R. Barlow and seconded by the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula, closed the proceedings.

THE NEW GREAT EASTERN S. AND W. CO. LD.

AN extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at its registered office in Oriental Buildings, Fort. Mr. Jagmohandas Varjivandas presiding. The meeting was called to consider the terms of compromise arrived at between the Company and its late Agents, Messrs. Dwarkadas Shamjee and Ramdass Keshowji. By terms of the compromise 175 shares of the Company were made payable by its late Agents to the Company besides a sum of Rs. 5,000. It was resolved to approve and confirm the terms of compromise, read over to the meeting, in settlement of the litigation now pending between the late Agents and the Company. The shareholders passed a special resolution of thanks to the directors and the present Agents of the Company for bringing the long pending litigation to such a satisfactory close.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

ALCOCK, ASHDOWN AND CO. LTD.

The twenty second ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held yesterday afternoon, at its registered office, the Carnac Iron Works, Frere Road, Mr. A McKenzie presiding.

The motion of the Chairman having been duly seconded by Mr. Kersondas Lakhmidas the following report of the directors for the year ending 30th December last was approved and adopted:—

"Your directors beg to submit copies of audited balance sheet and profit and loss account, made up to 31st December 1904, from which you will perceive that the Company has earned, during the year under review, a net profit of Rs. 60,837-10-7, which, added to the balance of last year, Rs. 6,845-5-4, gives a total of Rs. 67,682-15-11, out of which an ad-interim dividend of Rs. 10,500 (equal to Rs. 6 per share) was declared for the half-year ending 30th June 1904, leaving a balance of Rs. 57,182-15-11, available for distribution, which your Directors recommend should be apportioned as follows:—Rs. 21,000, in payment of a dividend for the second half-year at the rate of Rs. 12 per share, Rs. 8,000, depreciation, Rs. 3,000, carried to Reserve Fund Account, which added to the last balance of Rs. 2,80,000, will then amount to Rs. 2,83,000, Rs. 2,000, funds for equalizing dividends, which will then amount to Rs. 32,500, Rs. 6,000, building funds account which will then amount to Rs. 31,500, Rs. 5,000 renewals of machinery account, which will then amount to Rs 20,000, Rs. 12,182-15-11, balance to be carried to next year's Account. Your directors have pleasure in informing you that the re-construction of your Carnac Iron work and Buildings, which was commenced in April last, is nearing completion."

A dividend of Rs. 12 per share was declared for the half year ending 31st of December last. Messrs. A. McKenzie and J. W. Hepworth were re-elected directors. It was resolved that a bonus not exceeding Rs. 5,000, subject to the discretion of the Secretary and Manager be granted to such employees of the Company as the Secretary might suggest and the directors might approve. Owing to the sudden departure of Mr. John E. Aspinwall, auditor of the Company, the meeting approved the appointment of Mr. H. S. Symons as an auditor in his place and re-appointed him an auditor on a remuneration of Rs. 225. It was proposed by Mr. F. W. Chamberlain and seconded by Mr. C. Lakhmidas that as an extra supervision of the Company's affairs was considered admirable, the chairman be requested and authorised to call extra meetings of the directors whenever he considered it necessary for the benefit of the Company. The resolution was carried. Votes of thanks were then tendered to the chairman and the officials of the Company.

DARING BURGLARY.

AT the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday morning before Mr. Kersondas Chabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Sullivan charged Goraji Ameerji and ten others with house-breaking and the theft of apparel and ornaments of the value of Rs. 172, the property of one Keshaw Vela, a dealer in bricks, residing in the 2nd Koombharwada Lane.

The complainant's story was that on the night of the 15th instant, at about 11 o'clock, he and his family went to bed after securing the doors of his room on the ground floor. He and his brother, Waga, slept in the same room. At about 2-30 or 3 a.m., the next morning, he awoke at some noise as of a creaking door. Raising his head he saw accused Nos. 1,2,6, and 10 inside his room. Accused Nos. 3 and 7 stood near the door, which was forced open, and kept a watch outside. Accused No. 6 then drew out a dagger and raised it against the head of the complainant. The complainant then tried to raise an alarm when the man with the dagger in his hand said that if he raised any alarm he would kill him instantly. Waga also awoke at this disturbance, and was also threatened by accused No. 6. Seeing the complainant and his brother kept at bay, accused Nos. 1, 2 and 10 removed three wooden boxes containing wearing apparel and ornaments of the aggregate value of Rs. 172. All this time accused No. 6 was standing with his dagger pointed toward the head of the complainant, and was pouring out threats to Waga. After the boxes were removed, accused No. 6 left the room with the threat that if either the complainant or his brother raised any alarm, he would return and take their lives. The complainant and his brother were so much frightened that they refrained from raising any alarm until daybreak. The Police were informed of the incident and the broken boxes were found in a sweeper's lane near the house, minus all the contents. Big holes were seen bored in the door from which the bolts had been drawn.

Some evidence having been led in the case, the hearing was adjourned.

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THE NAVY LEAGUE.

THE Navy League is not an institution whose work is done, because the immediate end for which it was originally organised has been achieved ; nor is it a self-constituted association of busybodies who seek to interfere in matters which do not concern them. It is a strictly non-party organisation to urge upon Government and the Electorate the paramount importance of an adequate Navy as the best guarantee of peace. The League was founded in 1895, has branches throughout the world, and carries on its work by the distribution of literature, public meetings, the delivery of lectures and by educational propaganda in public and other schools. Let it speak for itself. The objects of the League are to spread information showing the vital importance to the British Empire of the Naval supremacy upon which depend its trade, Empire, and national existence ; to call attention to the enormous demands which war would make upon the Navy, and to the fact that the Navy is not strong enough to meet them ; and at all times to point out any shortcomings in this respect ; to call attention from time to time to such measures as may be requisite to secure adequate preparation for the maritime defence of the Empire ; and to urge these matters on public men and, in particular, upon candidates for Parliament. The League seeks to bring home to every one in the United Kingdom that the bulk of the raw material used in British manufactures and two-thirds of the food they eat is transported across the sea. It wishes to impress upon them that if the supply of material and the export of manufactured products is arrested, the wage fund will disappear, so that the purchasing power of the people must prove utterly inadequate to their needs and the available stores of provisions, however increased, will be entirely beyond their means, that consequently, fortifications and military strength, adequate to resist invasion, will be powerless to avert national disaster. The protection of commerce at sea is, therefore, vital to the people of England, for commerce can be guarded only by a supremely powerful Navy, able to assert and to maintain the command of the sea. The League wishes to demonstrate that judicious expenditure on the Navy is for the nation only the ordinary insurance which no sane person grudges in private affairs. It seeks to enlist, on national grounds, the support of all classes in maintaining the fleet at the requisite standard of strength and to denounce any shortcomings in this respect. And in so doing, it insists that the question shall be above and beyond all considerations of party politics, that a sudden development of naval strength is impossible and that continuity of preparation is the essence of national security and the only preventive of ruinous and discreditable scares.

Another object of the League is "by inculcating and strenuously upholding the principles of a great national policy based upon sea power, to bind together the scattered members of the Empire into one great whole, united in interest as in heart and prepared to maintain intact in territory and untarnished in honour the splendid inheritance received from our forefathers." That being one of the declared objects, it is marvellous that no attempt was ever made, in all these years that have gone since the League was formed, to found a branch in India. However, though late, the defect is being remedied, and there is every reason to hope that within the next few weeks a branch comprising representatives of the whole of the Bombay Presidency, Sind and the Central Provinces, will be in complete working order. Wednesday's meeting set the preliminary machinery going, and the Branch will enthusiastically re-echo the words of Lord Selborne who declared that the Navy means for us our existence as an Empire ; it means for us the fact that England is free from invasion, it means for it its daily food and daily employment ; the Navy is all in all and everything : therefore, though the cost is great it is little compared with what it brings back to us. The present time is particularly appropriate wherein to commence operations in India when our defences, except military defences on the frontier, are being weakened. It is timely also, since we remember the warnings we have recently heard, that the shadows of danger from Germany darkens our national life more threateningly, to afford the Home institution all the help in our power to keep before Parliament the necessity for seasonable preparations, lest millions be wasted in hurried attempts to undo the mischief caused by years of neglect.

Naval experts have shown us that, even at the present time, with a capable Admiral at the head of the Navy, we are below the two-Power standard, which is considered imperative for our safety.

It is not long since an expert, in an article on "The Menace of the German Navy," showed us that though the present position may not be one of great danger, it will be otherwise in the near future when the big German and small British battleship programmes, of recent years, begin to tell. Then, said he, we shall find it quite beyond our power to maintain the needed force in Home waters, unless our political relations with other Powers undergo a complete change—of which unfortunately there is a small prospect. It is here that the real peril lies, and it is high time that the nation awoke to it and took steps to meet it. If there is not an adequate strength in Home waters, what is the situation here and how is our Indian commerce to be protected ? It is, indeed, high time the country woke up. The aim and object for which the Navy League was established was to wake the nation up in view of emergencies of this kind, and it will be the aim of the Western India Branch to keep our own needs prominently before the League at Home and before Parliament. Navy Leagues are now being formed in other countries besides our own. Spain and the United States are among the most recent, while Germany, Italy, France and Belgium possess them, all modelled on lines similar to our own. The German Navy League is under royal patronage and is known to have, more than any other influence, contributed to the education of the German people and "enabled our most formidable rivals to criticise naval matters with insight and discrimination." At the same time, as the English Navy League admitted in one of its recent reports, the German League persistently upholds high ideals of national devotion and self-sacrifice ; that it has beaten down the antipathy to naval expansion which existed in Germany five or six years ago, and now most sections of that nation have been brought to appreciate an ambition for sea-power which may well be regarded apart from the cost, as a triumph of Imperial policy.

A FARMERS' WORLD CONGRESS. ALTHOUGH Mr. Phipps did not directly suggest the Agricultural Institute which is being erected at Pusa, it is to him that India owes its foundation. His munificence made the scheme possible. It is a singular fact that to another American the world now owes a scheme for the promotion of agricultural knowledge in all countries that has been enthusiastically taken up by the King of Italy. It is proposed to hold an International Congress of Agriculturists in Rome, which is to be the fore-runner of a scheme to combine the agricultural interests of the world in a defensive and progressive league. A meeting of the Conference Organization Committee has been held this month and, as all the European Governments have agreed to send representatives, and there will be delegates from America, Asia, Australasia and Africa, the Congress will be largely attended. The idea has been welcomed, and there is a keen desire for detail. The plain American business man, who had never previously risen above the ideal of a share list, has won over not only King Victor Emmanuel to the adoption of his scheme, but has secured enthusiastic disciples in Signor Luzzetti, Italy's Finance Minister, and Signor Pantaleoni, Professor of Political Economy, in the University of Rome. Signor Ferrero, a distinguished scholar and historian, who has conferred with Mr. Lubin at the King's request, has been greatly impressed by the American, albeit he does not appear to have been entirely converted. He acknowledges, however, that the "Yankee" has got the better of the sceptics in Rome who first smiled and laughed at him. What is Mr. Lubin's idea ? It is described briefly as the application to agriculture of the principle of organization which capitalists and factory workers have already adopted for the promotion of their respective interests. We are told that Mr. Lubin saw how the railway companies, the millionaire financiers, or the Trusts were robbing the country for the benefit of the town, the farmer for the benefit of the Bourse speculator, sowing discontent in rural America and driving farmers and labourers into the slams of the cities. He raises the cry of "back to the land" in a more forceful degree than it has hitherto been raised, for he has recognised that the evil at work in the Far West is in operation throughout the rest of civilised world. Facilities of transport and communication have brought about a shrinkage of the modern world, and hence it seemed to Mr. James Lubin that an organization of the rural "interest" should embrace not America alone, but the whole of the civilised States. If nothing more than a league for the protection and advancement of agricultural interests throughout the world issue from the Conference, it will have done a vastly useful work. But something more is immediately looked for. It is believed that the time has come for a universal amalgamation of all sources of agricultural knowledge, which the ease of international communication now renders possible. Economists like M. Viger, an ex-Minister of Agriculture in France, believe that the project which the King of Italy has made his own would ultimately establish a world wide equilibrium between supply and demand by checking over production, and inasmuch as wars are "wars for markets" lead among other influences to universal peace. M. Viger holds that an organization representing the world's agriculture would enable the separate States to readjust transport rates and custom duties with incalculable good to their individual interests. It would lead, in fact, to that millennial age an era of Universal Free Trade. It is an attractive vision and though its realisation be distant, there is a token for the future in that it is the dream of a man of hard, common sense and a single idea. There is the soul of a seer even in a stock exchange operator, and there is something also of the poetic in the association of Rome with the inception of the scheme. Nearly two thousand years ago the evils of capitalistic aggregations and the decay of agriculture formed the theme of a Roman poet ; and it is in Rome, where modern civilization was nurtured, that the new movement for a return to the land originates.

THE NEW GERMAN TARIFF. A TRANSLATION of the new German General Customs Tariff, which is to come into force on the 1st March, 1906, has recently been published as a Blue-Book. In the new tariff there are evidences that the material prosperity of the country is not altogether disregarded. It is the prosperity of the manufacturers, however, for, though, increased business enjoyed by the employers in some degree falls on the workman, it is hardly likely that any benefit derived in this way will be a sufficient set-off against the increased cost of those commodities which, in one way or another, go to make up the sum of existence. While the advantag to the German workman is thus questionable, it is clearly evident that, as far as Germany is concerned, even less encouragement than formerly will be given to the foreigner for the labour of his hands. The new German tariff displays remarkable ingenuity in its methods of classification, and only a glance is necessary to show that materials connected with the iron and steel trades have come in for special attention. While generally the tariff may be regarded as not aiming at any particular nation, British manufacturers are certainly hard hit in all iron and steel goods, wholly or even only partially manufactured. In this section the basis of classification has been completely changed, and the new rates arranged are a damaging attack on the British workman. In many instances the existing tariff is sufficient to keep iron and steel products out of Germany, but the tendency of the new list to cheapen the duties on raw materials is far more than equalised by increasing the rates on manufactures, the increase advancing in ratio to the amount of labour expended on the articles before their arrival at the German borders. Some of the British lighter trades will suffer total extinction. The Sheffield cutlery and file makers, albeit their trade with Germany at present is anything but large, may close their order books at once as far as that country is concerned. Home manufacturers will also be affected in another way, as the opportunity given to German manufacturers to realise heavier prices will enable them to place their iron and steel products in other countries at prices which will make competition by British producers most difficult.

THE final programme of the Royal tour in India will probably be received from Home next week.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor of Bombay has subscribed Rs. 300 to the Punjab Earthquake Fund.

PROFESSOR OMORI, the great Japanese authority on earthquakes, is coming to India to see for himself the effect of the recent shocks in the Kangra Valley.

THE post of Political Officer at Wano, on the Waziristan border, is to be filled by Mr. L. M. Crump, C. S., who reverts to the North-West Frontier Province from the Foreign Department of the Secretariat.

IT appears probable that some of the machinery in the tea factories in the Kangra Valley may be found capable of repair when cleared from the ruins. The planters' houses are, however, as a rule, so wrecked that they will need to be rebuilt.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Dholka Railway for the week ending 11th March amounted to Rs. 2,293, being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 762. Total earnings from 1st January to 11th March, were Rs. 22,061 being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 2,737.

THE statement of traffic of the Tapti-Valley Railway for the week ending 11th March amounted to Rs. 22,930, being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 8,149. Total earnings from 1st January to 11th March, were Rs. 1,95,082, being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 39,747.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Prantej Railway for the week ending 11h March amounted to Rs. 4,413, being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 1,010. Total earnings from 1st January to 11th March, were Rs. 43,492, being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 5,094.

THE Seistan Mission has had various trying experiences since it left India over two years ago. Two severe blizzards with intense cold have been its worst calamities, but mad jackals have, from time to time, done mischief in camp ; while, as lately noticed, a mad wolf bit some men and also a large number of camels and sheep. The meteorological records of the Mission will be specially interesting as showing the extraordinary variations of heat and cold that have had to be endured.

A NOTIFICATION in yesterday's "Bombay Government Gazette" states that his Majesty's Secretary of State for India has sanctioned the commencement of work on the Bombay Harbour Branch of the G. I. P. Railway, a total length of about 8·13 miles, viz., a line of railway running from Kurla station down the east side of the Island of Bombay to a point near Tank Bunder in Mazagon, a length of about 6·81 miles, with a chord connecting this line in the vicinity of Matunga with the B. B. and C. I. Railway at Mahim station, a length of about 1·32 miles.

MR. W. C. M. ABEYESEKERE, an astrologer of Colombo, writes as follows to the "Times of Ceylon":—"I see there is a great boast in the Baltic Fleet. It will give some trouble to the Japanese, but it will suffer much and will be disappointed, for there is a certain female planet to work against it, who can throw it into any way, as she has influence over the ocean and that the Baltic Fleet by proceeding as she is just doing is causing her great annoyance."

THE Survey Committee breaks up at Simla this week, and Sir John Farquharson and Colonel Kelly go Home by the mail steamer on Saturday. Mr J O Miller, President of the Commitee, leaves Simla within next few days so as to take up his post of Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces at the beginning of May. Colonel Longe reverts to his substantive post of Surveyor-General, Mr Barron, C S, Serectary to the Committee remains at Simla to see the report and its annexures through the press which will take some little time.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending April 25th was 1,734, giving a death-rate of 116·19 per annum per thousand as against 71·43 the corresponding period of last year, and 96·42 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 50 died from fevers ; 1,018, plague ; 76, small-pox ; 24, measles ; 0, cholera ; 0, leprosy ; 70, phthisis ; 32, diseases of the nervous system ; 188 affections of the respiratory organs ; 49, diarrhœa ; 20, dysentery; 46, still-born ; 110, old age and debility ; 11, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows :—Jain, 73 ; Brahmin, 61 ; Lingaet, 6 ; Bhattia, 9 ; Hindu of other caste, 993; Hindu low caste, 178 ; Musalman, 326 ; Parsee, 24 ; Jew, 6 ; Native Christian, 51 ; Eurasian, 2 ; European, 2, Negro-African ; 3, Buddhist ; 0, other and unknown castes, 0. The total number of births was 342 as against 290 the corresponding period of last year, and 252 the average over the past five years.

REALLY Calcutta will be getting a bad name for hospitality if there are any more cases of maltreatment of distinguished visitors, writes the Calcutta correspondent of "The World." I have already told you of Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg's enforced arrival at Government House in a "thika-gharri," and now I hear of Lord Newton's sad experience. The story goes that when he entered his reserved railway carriage, he found it already occupied by a lengthy half-caste, who had obviously been looking on the wine when it was red for when requested by the A.D.C. in attendance to clear out and make room for the lawful occupant, Lord Newton, he replied that he also was a lord (giving as his title an unsavoury name hitherto quite unfamiliar to the classic pages of "Debrett"), and that he would fight the opposition member of the House of Lords. The arrival of the police brought down the curtain on this act, but next morning, a sober and very penitent "cafe-au-lait" coloured gentleman arrived at Government House groveling and imploring forgiveness, which was granted conditionally on the payment of a contribution to the local poor-box.

STORIES OF MANY KINDS.

THE TEMPESTUOUS PETTICOAT by Robert Barr (Methuen). The reader expects a story with a title like this to run on unusual lines, and he is not disappointed. The tale is laid in the Japan seas, chiefly on board the luxurious yacht of an American millionaire, who has for passengers his daughter Gertrude—the very tempestuous petticoat—and her companion Hilda Stretton, both pretty and unusually charming. The man who fills the part of hero with considerable tact and talent, is taken on board at Nagasaki as the owner's, Mr. Silas K. Hemster's, private secretary. That very day Miss Gertrude sets up a lively and most entertaining flirtation with the young man, and he finds himself falling a willing victim to her many charms. The whims and caprices of this young person were surprising and various, and the chief occupation of her father seemed to be to keep her in good humour by satisfying them. A commission with which the new private secretary was entrusted immediately on his engagement, and which puzzled him considerably was the purchase of three complete parcelain dinner sets, three tea sets and three luncheon sets. He was warned not to tell Miss Hemster anything about this huge order in crockery. This puzzled him, but the mystery was revealed when he witnessed the extravagant actions of the young lady which proved that his purchase represented a very moderate estimate of the needs of the yacht. The situation was explained to Rupert Tremorne very simply the morning after he came on board by Mr. Hemster, to account for not having made up his mind as to the yacht's course. His daughter it seemed, had taken up an idea that was not in his opinion just then practicable.

"I just want you to catch on to the situation," said the millionaire. "Gertie likes you first-rate ; she told me so, and I'm ever so much obliged to you for the trouble you took yesterday afternoon in entertaining her. She told me everything you said and did, and it was all right. Now Gertie has always been accustomed to moving in the very highest society."

She had in fact met nobility at every stage of creation, but

"Gertie got tired of them,' and, as she is an ambitious girl, and a real lady, she determined to strike higher, and so, when we bought this yacht and came abroad again, she determined to go in for Kings, so I've been on a King-hunt ever since and to tell the truth it has cost me a lot of money and I don't like it. Gertie does n't care for the ordinary presentation at Court, for nearly everybody can have that. What she wants is to get a King or an Emperor right here on board this yacht at lunch or tea, or whatever he wants, and enjoy an intimate conversation with him, just like she's had with them no-account Princes. Then she wants a column or two of that written up for the Paris edition of the "New York Herald" and she wants to have it cabled over to America."

And this hunt henceforth was the main business of the private secretary, who fortunately possessed a useful knowledge of eastern languages and a fund of coolness and admirable audacity which saved the yachting party many times over. The story is told with a thorough enjoyment of the humour of every situation, its freshness and gaiety are catching, and inspite of the absurdities that the caprices of Miss Gertrude Hemster bring in their train the reader is amused and interested from beginning to end. Fun, adventure, romance, and a fair show of business principles are distributed among the various characters, who are most entertaining in their different ways.

THE BOOK OF ANGELUS DRAYTON by Mr. Fred Reynolds (John Long). In this diary for one year in the short life of a country postman, who was a poet as well, and who tramped day in day out over the ruraldistrict of Leathley-cum-Ribble, we have pictures of the lovely rural scenery through which he made his rounds. Angelus Drayton had for mother a farmer's daughter who married Angelus Drayton a gentleman, who came to her father's farm seeking health. He, a poet saw the fine nature in the peasant woman who nursed him through an illness, wooed, won her and they were married. Their only child, a son, was called by the same name as his father and he imbibed poetry and scholarly tastes from his gentle parent, resolution and endurance from his mother. Just after he had gained a Cambridge exhibition that opened the road to college life, he sadly realised that his true place was at home. His father had died early and his uncles followed one after the other. His mother, he saw, could not manage the farm alone. Shortly after this loyal, but as it proved unwise decision, Angelus Drayton was thrown from a restive horse, with the result that he lost his right arm and had his right leg lamed for life. It was then he gratefully accepted the place of postman. His daily double round, twelve miles in the morning and six in the afternoon gave him ample time for thought and observation. His diary expressed it all ; pictures the country in all phases, and nature in all her moods. The communings, however, though fraught with tender sentiments, are not original. Angelus Drayton must have drunk deep of Lorna Doone literature. There is a plot, a gentle shadowy one, wherein the romance of the father extends to the son, and to the daughter of the Sybil to whom the elder Drayton dedicated his poems. The idea is delicately treated, and awakes the sympathetic interest of the reader. Every page tells much about the country, its sights and sounds, and the tragedy of its romance is interwoven with the changing seasons. The sadness of the last chapter is in keeping with the whole tenor of the diary.

PETER'S MOTHER by Mrs. Henry de la Pasture, (George Bell and Sons) is a pathetic story of the devotion of a mother for an only son of a markedly narrow and selfish nature. Peter's mother, Lady Mary Crewys, had become in her early joyous youth the wife of a stern, pompous and intensely stupid man, more than twice her age, who disciplined and ruled her with the aid of his step-sisters, two formal, stiff and bigoted ladies, much older than himself. The life Lady Mary led subdued, but did not sour her. She was wrapped up in her son and he ran away at 19 to the Boer war without leave or a good-bye. The death of his father occurred about the same time and just as the story begins. Lady Mary and Peter were left in charge of John Crewys, a cousin and guardian. The next two years did much to change the course of Lady Mary's thoughts. When Peter returned from South Africa, with the loss of an arm, but well and cheery, he found to his dismay that his Mother's attitude towards life was very different from what he expected. Lady Mary's character is delicately portrayed and Peter's attitude towards his mother is absolutely true to life where a thick-skinned, selfish, and conceited youth is in question. The story is a slight one, but it shows that the authoress understands life from many points of view and can define characters with accuracy and ease.

THE FACE IN THE FLASHLIGHT by Florence Warden (John Long). If we want a story with a moral showing the evils and dangers of gambling, we have it here, the plot is original though the individuals are all, with the exception of the murderer, of a commonplace type. Mattie is by far the most interesting She is the witness of a murder, the very day after the story opens, and though certain of her recognition of the man who did the deed, she finds herself powerless to prevent her friend marrying him. This is certainly an overstrained situation, but the peculiar position of Mattie and the apparent impossibility of getting any other proof is skilfully utilised. The character of the murderer is well drawn he takes advantage of his privileged post as tutor to a rich, but dissipated youth to rob him and do him to death in the most daring and ruthless manner in order to supply the cash for satisfying his passion for gambling. It is a depressing book though true to the type of the class from which its actors are taken. Miss Florence Warden writes forcefully and has not exhausted her powers of weaving telling plots.

WINNIFRED'S WAY by Major Arthur Griffiths is a romantic story of a young girl, high-spirited and wilful, an anxiety to her father and stepmother but charming in many ways. In Venice she met a young artist, who was the very reverse of any man who had previously come under her notice. He did not seem to care the least bit for her good looks or for her coquettish ways so, of course, she fell straight in love with him. There were many diversions on the road to a true understanding even after he had succumbed utterly to Winnifred's fascinations, but she had her way in the end and did not do so badly for herself as her parents feared, though she had her share of troubles and trials as life went on. The glimpses of artists and their ways, and of foreign travel add much interest to the story.

NAVAL HIDE AND SEEK.

FIGHTING IN MANCHURIA.

MARTIAL LAW IN FORMOSA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 26.

The German steamer Juliette, which has been detained at Mauritius, has been granted 600 tons of coal and proceeds to Saigon to-morrow.

The warships sighted off Linting Island prove to be British and not Russian.

LONDON, April 27.

Telegrams from Saigon seem to indicate that the Baltic ships are still lingering in the vicinity of Kamranh.

The following telegram was received on Wednesday night from his Government by the Japanese Consul in Bombay:—

Russians with five battalions, sixteen squadrons and one battery, attacked the Japanese on the 24th instant in the neighbourhood of Kaiyuan, but were repulsed, leaving 200 corpses on the field. Our casualties were 38.

The enemy who advanced towards Changtu, consisting of six battalions and sixteen squadrons and that advanced towards Hsiaotatse, consisting of twelve squadrons, and one battery, retreated northward.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 26.

Reuter (Tokio) says that a Privy Council held to-day decided to proclaim Martial Law throughout Formosa.

THE UNREST IN RUSSIA.

Consternation in St. Petersburg.

A HOOLIGAN MOVEMENT.

LONDON, April, 27.

A feeling akin to consternation has been occasioned at St. Petersburg by rumours reproduced in the leading newspapers that 15,000 hooligans, organised in bands, will attack all so called Intellectuals in the streets at Easter-tide. The authorities have taken elaborate precautions and a special contingent of Don Cossacks has arrived at St. Petersburg.

There is a general exodus of the aristocratic and middle classes over the holidays.

Reports from the provinces indicate that similar fears prevail there, especially in connection with the 1st of May, the Russian Easter Monday.

BRITISH MINISTER IN MOROCCO.

Mr. Lowther, British Minister at Tangier, proceeds to Fez in about three weeks to present his credentials.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

King Edward in Paris.

LONDON, April 26.

The King maintains his incognito in Paris.

His Majesty will dine with President Loubet on Sunday and remain two or three days in Paris.

AMERICAN COTTON CROP.

A Record Yield.

The United States cotton crop is an extraordinary one and exceeds the world's record by two and a half million bales.

The efforts of the growers to keep up the prices by burning a million bales have proved futile.

BRITISH NAVAL GUNS.

Alleged Premature Breakdown.

A SENSATIONAL STORY.

LONDON, April 27.

An article has appeared in the "Daily Graphic" signed "C. B." which states that the twelve-inch wire guns of H. M. Battleship Majestic have given out after firing the equivalent of forty full charges, though the life is estimated at 150 to 200.

Fifteen out of thirty-seven of the newest and most powerful battleships are armed with the same guns, including the Albion, the Glory, the Ocean and the Vengeance on the China station and the gun reserve is totally inadequate to replace them.

Shells burst inside seven out of sixteen big British-made guns on board Japanese battleships on the 10th August last indicating that they too had worn out. These facts practically reduce Great Britain's battleship strength by one-quarter.

The latest pattern six-inch wire gun has also failed under experiment.

Great Britain is the only Power manufacturing the wire gun.

AFGHANISTAN'S DEFENCE.

Garrison Reinforced.

HERAT'S ARTILLERY.

News has been received at Tashkend that the Afghan Garrisons have been reinforced and a battery of heavy guns has arrived at Herat.

CRICKET IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, April 26.

The cricket match between Surrey and the Gentlemen of England has resulted in a draw.

THE EARTHQUAKE.

THE DISASTER AT KULU.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

AMRITSAR, April 27.

Reports to hand from Kulu state that one thousand people were killed in the Kulu Valley.

A large lake, one mile in length and a hundred feet deep, has been formed on the Chatta caused by the collapsing of the bridge there and the occurrence of a huge landslip. It is shortly expected to burst and thus cause a very heavy flood.

A further sum of Rs. 21,400 has been acknowledged by the Bank of Bengal for the Earthquake Relief Fund. The following are of some of the donors:—The Hon'ble Sir A.T. Arundel K.C.S.I., Simla, Rs. 1,000; the Tikka Sahib of Nabha Rs. 5,000, Sir James Walker, C. I. E., Simla Rs 10,000; The Alliance Bank of Simla, Limited Rs. 5,000, Messrs. Jamasjee and Sons, N. W. Frontier, Rs. 1,000, Messrs. Gillanders Arbuthnot and Co., Rs. 10,000, the Hon'ble Mr. J. P. Hewett, Simla, Rs. 1,000; and the Patiala State Rs. 10,000.

Lord Kitchener visited all the patients at Dharmsala. All of them with the exception of a few are doing well. His Excellency was greatly pleased with all he saw.

CONVENT COLLAPSES AT LAHORE.

The St. Joseph Convent at Lahore suddenly collapsed on Easter Monday. Fortunately no lives were lost. It had been badly damaged by the recent earthquake and was undergoing repairs. The Sister on duty having noticed some bricks falling hurriedly awoke the Indian girls, who were asleep at the time and immediately ran out with them. They had scarcely rushed out when the whole building collapsed with a crash. Only one workman was seriously injured. But for the prompt action of the Sister, all the orphan girls would have undoubtedly perished.

SIMLA, April 27.

There were two more small earthquake shocks in Simla last night, the first being sharper than any for some days past.

The rumours that have been current in various parts of the Punjab that an active volcano had sprung into existence coincident with the earthquake cannot, of course, be traced to their source, but says the "Pioneer" there seems no reason to suppose that they have any foundation in fact. In the Kangra Valley itself the report presents itself in the shape of a story that somewhere away to the north there is a mountain on fire. In the Simla district the locality is given as Bashahr; but we should certainly have heard by this time from Kulu if any volcanic eruptiod had taken place in the quarter inndicated. Moreover, Mr. Calvert. Assistant Commissioner, was actually in the neighbourhood of Rampur in Bashahr on the 4th instant and had therefore opportunities of learning of any extraordinary phenomenon. The little State is seldom visited by Europeans, save when travellers go to Chini which is within its borders. It lies south-east of the Kulu Valley and due north of Garhwal and is thus somewhat isolated, though the Hindustan-Tibet grand trunk road from Simla passes through it. There has been time also for traders coming down through Rampur and Kotgarh to give news but they have not stated that anything out of the common has happened.

Mr. Holland, Director of the Geological Survey, is now receiving numerous reports from district officials and others in all parts of Northern India regarding their experience of the earthquake. There are in reply to question submitted, and they will be collated so as to permit of the precise mapping of the isoseismal lines.

News from the Kangra Valley shows that many patients, especially women, will not remain in the hospital, even though very severely injured. It would seem to be advisable to send one or two lady doctors specially skilled in surgery to itinerate through the villages. This seems to be a case where the resources of the Dufferin Fund might be drawn upon for the time being.

Mr Hayashi, the Japanese Consul at Bombay, visited the Foreign Office, Simla, on Tuesday and presented the formal condolence of the Japanese Government as regards the heavy loss of life during the recent earthquake. They were couched in most sympathetic terms, and were warmly acknowledged by Mr Fraser, Foreign Secretary, on behalf of the Government of India. The Viceroy but for his indisposition, would himself have received Mr Hayashi on this occasion.

THE EARTHQUAKE FUND.

BOMBAY SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The following further subscriptions to the Punjab Earthquake Relief Fund have been received by the Bank of Bombay:—

	Rs. a. p.
Amount already acknowledged	11,430
Ruttonbai C. Tarachund	125
"A Collection"	28
A. Hill	30
Purshotum Vishram Maoji	1,000
Sum collected at a lecture delivered on the 19th inst. by Jivanji Jamshedji Modi	82-9-9
Total...	12,695-9-9

SEQUEL TO A RAILWAY COLLISION.

STATION MASTER AND GUARD PROSECUTED.

THANA, April 27.

The trial began, to-day, before Mr B N Kharkar Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Thana, of Bhogilal Amiram, station-master of Bhandup station on the G I P Railway, sixteen miles distant from Bombay and Nanabhoy Hormusji, head guard of a goods train, under section 101 of the Railway Act of 1890 namely, that, being railway servants, they endangered the safety of persons by disregarding the rules of the Company.

Mr J N Joglekar, District Public Prosecutor, instructed by Mr C Dewey, District Traffic Superintendent and Mr. C R Jefferies, Inspector, G I P Railway Police, appeared to prosecute on behalf of the Railway Company. Mr F S Taleyarkhan, barrister-at-law, instructed by Mr. Cursetjee Jevanji Mistry, pleader, appeared for Nanabhoy Hormusji, while Mr, Thosar, pleader from Thana, defended the first accused.

The facts of the case are that on the 30th of March last, at about 7-30 p m, shunting operations were going on at Bhandup railway station from the down to the up siding across the two main lines. The rear brake of a ballast train had been detached on the up main line in order to attach it to the engine of the same train after the train had been put into the siding. This was done to send the brake on to Thana. Before the brake could be taken off the main line, an up North-East passenger train, which runs through Thana, and for which signals had been given, while running at a speed of from thirty-five to forty miles an hour, came in and collided with the brake of the goods train, which was standing on the up main line, completely smashing it to fragments. The station master is alleged to have given line clear signals when the main line was blocked, and the second accused Nanabhoy Hormusji, it is alleged, had not the lamps on the rear of his brake lighted. Driver R. H. Smith was in charge of the engine of the passenger train and Mr. C Allen was the guard. The fireman, J, O, Byrne, had a miraculous escape by a portion of the timber of the wrecked brake flying past him at very close quarters. The removal of the debris took five hours, after which the passenger train proceeded on the up journey to Bombay.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, April 27.

The name Mr. A. Williams, Judicial Commissioner of Quetta is mentioned as likely to officiate for Sir James Bourdillon at Mysore.

Mr. L. M. Jacob from Burma is named as probable successor to Mr. Preston as Secretary to the Government of India for Civil Works.

Later.

I learn on enquiry that there is no truth in the report that Mr. Preston, Secretary to the Government of India for Civil Works is going on leave next month. Mr. Preston is not due to retire until September and it is not yet known who his successor will be.

It is settled that Mr. A. Williams, Judicial Commissioner, Baluchistan, acts as Resident, Mysore, vice Sir James Bourdillon on leave, Major Archer officiating for Mr. Williams at Quetta.

Two "Gazettes Extraordinary," to-night published announce the taking over of office of Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab by Sir Denzil Ibbetson during the absence of Sir Charles Rivaz who has been granted six momths' leave; also the assumption of office as Ordinary Member of Governor-General's Council by Sir Charles Lewis Tupper for the period Sir Denzil Ibbetson is officiating for Sir Charles Rivaz.

THE VICEROY'S COUNCIL.

Sir Lewis Tupper has taken over charge as officiating member of the Viceroy's Council for Revenue, vice Sir Denzil Ibbetson acting Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab.

Mr. Risley, Home Secretary has arrived in Simla.

THE VICEROY'S MILITARY SECRETARY.

It is stated that Major Colin Campbell, Lady Curzon's brother-in-law, will succeed Colonel Baring as Military Secretary to the Viceroy.

THE ROYAL VISIT.

CALCUTTA, April 27.

The British Indian Association will hold a meeting, on the 3rd proximo, to consider what steps should be taken to offer a suitable reception to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

ARCHDEACON KITCHIN'S RETIREMENT.

Archdeacon Kitchin leaves Calcutta by to-night's mail train for Bombay, en route to England, on retirement.

BANK OF BENGAL.

At their weekly meeting to-day the directors of the Bank of Bengal reduced the rate of interest for demand loans to 4 per cent.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN LAING.

POONA, April 27.

I regret to announce the death at the Sassoon Hospital, to-day, of Captain George Campbell Laing M B., I M S, Officiating Superintendent of the Yerrowda Central Prison. The deceased officer was suffering from fever towards the end of last month and on the recommendation of Colonel Henderson I M S, was removed from his residence at Yerrowda to the Hospital on the 4th of this month. While in hospital he had three attacks of cerebral homorrhage to the last attack of which he succumbed. He was 33 years old.

Captain Laing was a popular member of the Poona Society and a well known sportsman in the Bombay Presidency. He took a prominent part in the proceedings of the Poona hunts, and about six months ago when out with the hounds, he met with a serious accident in which he fractured one of his arms. He was manifestly in ill health ever since he managed to pull himself together sufficiently, to ride in the last Point to Point races at Ganeshkhind and to row with the Medical crew in the Regimental eight in the recent Poona Regatta. He was originally appointed to the Ahmedabad Central Jail and twice officiated as Superintendent of the Yerrowda Central Prison, having returned to Poona for the second time in May last. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Laing who is left with a little daughter. The funeral takes place to-morrow.

POONA BOXING TOURNAMENT.

POONA, April 27.

The Boys' competition was continued to-day, and some excellent fighting was witnessed by battalions of spectators. Four contests were concluded and all the eight boys fought well, and with consummate skill.

The following are the results:—Trumpeter Richards, 18th Battery, R F A, beat Boy Beckwith, East Lancs.

Boy Upston, R F A, beat Boy McCulloch, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Cadet Brewin, Poona Volunteers, beat Boy Deane East Lancs.

Boy Evans, Royal Scotts, beat Boy Wellington East Lancs.

The results of the Boxing tournament to-night are as follows:—

Light Weights:—2nd round.—Private Church, Royal Sussex, beat Private Alberts, 12th Lancers.

Private Hayes, Essex, beat Private Leeson, Connaught Rangers.

Bantam Weights:—3rd round.—Private Keelan, East Lancs owing to sickness could not turn up. Private Williams, Bedfords, won.

Private Cobden, South Wales Borderers, beat Lance-Corporal Wimbleton, Yorks.

Catch Weights:—First round.—An extra round was given in the fight between Sergeant Smith, Gymnastic Staff, and Gunner Woodhouse, 18th Battery Royal Field Artillery. The former won.

Private Smith, Lincolns, beat Private Hughes, 12th Lancers, who gave in after the second round.

Light Weights:—Second round.—Bombardier. Chapman, "G" Battery, Royal Horse Artillery. beat Drummer MacCartney, Connaught Rangers, who gave in in the third round.

Officers' Light Weights:—Second round.—Lieutenant Forbes, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, beat Lieutenant Hartley, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Bantam Weights:—Third round.—Corporal Gaffney, Connaught Rangers, beat Private Ulph, Second King's Royal Rifles.

Driver Hunt, 49th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, beat Lance Corporal Langthorne, East Lancs.

Light Weights:—Second round.—Private Cunningham, Leicesters, beat Private Bartlett, 1st Essex.

Intermediate Weights:—Second round.—Lance Corporal Weir, Royal Irish Rifles, was beaten by Lance Corporal Regan Connaught Rangers.

Driver Dawson, "P" Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, vs Private Murray, East Lancs. Murray was knocked down in the first round by Dawson who won.

The following gentlemen have been nominated councillors of the Matheran Municipality for the triennial period, commencing from the 1st May:—The Superintendent of Matheran, Messrs. Rustomji Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, Abdul Hussein Adamjee Peerbhoy, Frank Ritchie, and Tribhuvandas Veerjiwandas.

THE ANTIQUITIES OF BASSEIN FORT.

(FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDNT.)

(Concluded from yesterday's "Bombay Gazette.")

Pursuing our way along the ancient street we soon come to the

CITADEL OR CASTLE.

This is a fort within the Fort. It is said to be older than the Portuguese, and to have been the "place of residence of the Moors to whom it belonged." Inside the Citadel there is nothing of the slightest interest. However a bastion at the south-west corner has on its outer wall a particularly clear inscription, which states that this fortress was built by Garcia de Sa by command of the Governor Nuno da Cunha, in 1536. This is a few years later than the commencement of the main Fort. The doorway of the Citadel is very picturesque. On either side of the entrance were two pillars, long since removed, but the Corinthian capitals remain. Above is a sculptured frieze with a Maltese Cross, a coat of arms, a sphere and the date 1606. Over the frieze is a niche with two diminutive Corinthian shafts on either side, supporting a square slab. On this there is carved "I H S." The niche, like all others that exist in the Fort, is empty. If, as is said, it once contained a statue of the Virgin, well other things than statues have certainly been removed from the Fort by the zealous Vicars of outside churches. My old friend who sketched the sea-gate made an excellent sketch of the entrance to the Citadel, taking the liberty of restoring the missing pillars. Close to the Citadel, as will be seen from my plan, is a curved tank, or lakelet, very pretty, I should think, when full, after the monsoon, but now empty and unpleasant. Da Cunha says that the tank was built to supply water for the sugar factory, about which anon. However this may be, the tank is useful as a topographical centre for the location of some of the principal remains. From Da Cunha's description (page 219) it would appear that near the portal of the Citadel were the ruins of the

CHURCH OF THE AUGUSTINIANS.

To the north of the Citadel and to the east of the tank, there is an extensive raised site, and the church of the Augustinians may have stood there. But not a fragment of architecture remains. Forming part of the Citadel which adjoins the tank is the

CHURCH OF NOSSA SENHORA DA VIDA.

Detached from this, at the distance of a few paces, there stands in the Citadel walls a plain square tower. Some buildings, possibly cloisters, more or less connect the church and the tower, but whether the tower actually belonged to the church or not, I cannot be certain. The church is said to be one of the oldest in Bassein. In 1695 it was mentioned by Gemelli Careri as adorned with three good altars. Whether it is one of the oldest or not, it is certainly one of the most beautiful. The roof of the chancel with its graceful mouldings is in an excellent state of preservation. The lofty and well-designed chancel arch is of finely dressed basalt. The north side of the nave possesses some long lancet windows, deep-set and impressive. A door in the nave connects the church with the inside of the Citadel. On the opposite side of the nave there is a wide square doorway. The exterior of the west front is well worthy of inspection. On either side of the entrance arch are two Corinthian pillars, well carved and in good preservation, and supported by these is a decorated frieze. This church was at one time used as a sugar factory by the late Mr. J. H. Littlewood; but the enterprise was not successful, and was finally brought to a conclusion in 1878. It is said that in digging the foundations of the factory the workmen came upon the bones of a man and of a horse, evidently buried together. There are some signs of the sugar factory in the Chancel, and I have been told that the square tower, a few paces off, was used as the chimney of the factory. The "Gazetteer" speaks of the modern building in the nave of the church as the sugar refinery. There is no modern building in the nave of the church. There are some curious walls, a few feet in height, projecting into the nave from either side and forming partitions between them. They do not appear to be more modern than the Church. Have they anything to do with the sugar factory, or were they monks' cells, confessional or otherwise? I cannot hazard a guess. Near the broader end of the tank is a modern Hindoo temple. While there is no certainty in the matter, it may be that a ruined dwelling house, immediately to the west of the tank and Hindoo temple (but separated from them by a road) which is better preserved than most, and has more elaboration in its construction, is

THE PALACE OF THE GENERAL OF THE NORTH,

The ruler of Bassein and its many dependences. All that can be said is that this potentate's residence is believed to have been about here. Empanelled in the wall of the arched verandah of the dwelling house which I have mentioned, is a coat of arms elaborately carved in stone, in perfect preservation. The building between the tank and the Municipal road consists of the

CHURCH AND HOSPITAL OF THE MISERICORDIA.

The "Gazetteer" speaks of this building as separated from the palace of the General of the North by the large oblong space of the old palace garden. I have not the faintest idea what this means. As I have said before, Da Cunha gives an illustration entitled the Garden of the General of the North, but it represents the tank? The church of the Misericordia, with its massive battered tower and its long lancet windows, presents an impressive appearance from without. Its identity is unmistakable from the description of the carven-design above the door that faces the tank, though a visitor might be puzzled by a statement in the "Gazetteer" that the church is small, while it is in fact a spacious edifice. The carving above the door consists of a stone escutcheon, with a beautiful Maltese Cross in the centre, and, on either side, a dragon with a scroll in its mouth. The west front has a beautiful arched doorway. There are two deep niches or recesses, one above the other, on each side apparently for statues, but there are no statues in them now. The roof of the chancel is delicately moulded, and is still almost perfect, though slightly broken away at the east. The front wall of the chancel is entirely gone. There are deep-set long lancet windows in the chancel wall. The church is built on to the Hospital. The latter somewhat overlaps the church; and to the over-lapping portion there is a handsome arched entrance over which there is a niche for a statue surrounded by an ornamental design. The most striking view of the roof of the chancel is to be obtained from outside by looking through one of the lancet windows. The Hospital is a massive pile consisting of a large square courtyard surrounded by a beautifully cloistered arcade. As is evinced by the double series of arches, one above the other, the building stood two stories high. The exterior of the Hospital, plain and uninviting, presents a grim contrast to the beauty of the interior. We now take leave of the buildings located near the tank, and proceed to

THE JESUITS' CHURCH OF ST PAUL.

This church front is the handsomest piece of architecture in Bassein. It has a noble arch, columns with fluted shafts and Corinthian capitals. The monogram I. H. S. and a cross are sculptured on the lintel and above the pillars. The date over the door, 1636, is presumed to refer to repairs, the foundation being said to have been laid in 1548 by Malchior Gonsalves, a friend of St. Xavier. Attached to the church is the monastery or College of the Jesuits. The cloisters and arches remind one of an English University. The Church itself is plain inside, but the mouldings of the chancel roof are well designed and executed. The tower is in better condition than any other in Bassein, except the one in the proximity of Nossa Senhora da Vida, to the architectural features of which, however, that of St. Paul's is far superior. This church is now in process of restoration. It has been completely re-roofed; and a widely attended ceremony is held there yearly on the first Sunday after Easter. Pursuing our way along the old grass-grown street, we come upon

THE FRANCISCAN CHURCH

of the Invocation of Santo Antonio. This is said to be one of the oldest buildings in Bassein. In the monastery to which it is attached, St. Frances Xavier used to sojourn on his visits to Bassein in 1544 and 1548. The monastery in general design resembles that of the Jesuits, but the pillars are of red sandstone. Parts of the painted designs on the walls are still visible. The church faces to the west, while all the other churches, except that of the Dominicans, which points to the north, face east. The exterior of the church, as seen on approaching it from St. Paul's, is decidedly pleasing. A portico, supported by four pillars, forms three arches leading into a vestibule opening on to the nave. The vestibule has two arches on the north side. A massive red sand-stone doorway leads into the church. Looking south from the vestibule through the broken entrance to the monastery, one sees a small chapel with a beautiful arch. Over the facade above the portico is some delicate tracery, much of which has succumbed to the ravages of time. On entering the church from the vestibule the visitor's notice is at once drawn to the flying arch which spans the entire width of the nave. The lofty chancel arch of dressed basalt, and the plain (not elaborate, as Da Cunha states) basalt mouldings of the chancel roof, next claim attention. The roof is broken in three places. Beyond the flying arch there commences on each side of the nave a series of four lateral chapels with arches of red sand-stone.

Beyond the chancel window there is a chapel; and one looks through the window of the chancel and on through that of the chapel to the wall of the Fort. The tower of the Invocation is very battered, one side being altogether gone. The "Gazetteer" speaks of a well-dressed staircase, but none exists now. This church is close to an enormous bastion that forms part of the Fort wall. It is close to the land-gate; and from the description, which however is as usual conflicting, is probably the bastion of San Sebastian through which the Marathas forced their way in 1739. Da Cunha says that the Fort had two main gates, and a postern near the church of the Franciscans, which, being considered unsafe was blocked up, and the bastion built. Be this as it may, there still exists an entrance, which may be described as a postern, in quite a different place, namely in the south wall of the Fort in the vicinity of the Citadel. Two sets of steps lead to the top of the bastion which commands a better view of the ruins and surrounding country than can be obtained from elsewhere. All the towers, except that of St. Joseph's, can be descried from it. Before inspecting the land-gate, we may glance at the

CHURCH OF THE DOMINICANS.

This church is close to the Municipal road, and not far from the church of the Franciscans. It is extremely plain and uninteresting. The details given in "the Gazetteer," refer, as has been explained to St. Paul's. A good deal of the chancel roof has fallen. The only features of this edifice which call for notice are that it faces north and that the south front has a small arched window included in or contained by a larger one. It may be asked how I know this to be the church of the Dominicans. I can only say that I have arrived at the conclusion by a process of elimination. Seven churches are known to have existed (apart from a very doubtful one of the Hospitallers, which, if anywhere, was close to the Citadel). The Augustinians' has disappeared. Of the remaining six, we have clearly identified five. One remains, and as there was a church of the Dominicans this is presumably it. However Da Cunha, at the close of his book, page 247 executes a final achievement in the way of mental gymnastics. "In proximity," he says "to the above buildings (which?) are the ruins of the chapel of N. S. da Annunciada, which was under the charge of the Augustinians. The altar of this chapel, in defiance of the usages observed in similar temples, faces the north. The front presents two arches, the upper one being rather larger than the lower." This description refers to the church which I consider must be that of the Dominicans, and to no other. But Da Cunha had used up the term "Dominicans" in one of his descriptions of St. Paul's, so for want of a genuine terminology he had to evolve the N. S. da Annunciada, which had never before been heard of, out of his inner consciousnes! Or is this the full name of the Church of the Augustinians, which Da Cunha has placed on various sites, described in various ways, and finally illustrated by a representation of the church of the Franciscans? I see no reason for supposing that, in addition to the will o' the wisp church of the Augustinians, there was also a chapel in charge of the Augustinians. I should not omit to mention that on the way from the church of St. Paul's to that of the Franciscans, a little to the right of the path, there is a not uninteresting ornamental bath, studded with shells and pieces of porcelain. We have now seen all the ruins that are capable of identification with the exception of the land-gate, in Portuguese Porta da Terra, or Port do Campo. This is not so striking as the sea-gate, but it possesses one very interesting feature. Within the Fort, above the gate-way, two Corinthian pillars fluted and capitalled, stand on either side of a graceful arch.

In the modern church at Papri, half-way from Bassein Road Station, there is a magnificent gilt altar-piece which originally stood in one of the churches in the Fort.

Commencing from 1532 the Portuguese raised a splendid walled city at Bassein. A high standard of civilisation was attained. But the history of the city tells us of many vicissitudes. From 1618 onwards it was ravaged by bubonic plague; and in the above year a terrible storm unroofed churches and other buildings. This was followed by famine. In 1674 Arab pirates plundered the churches outside the walls, unopposed by the panic-stricken garrison. In February 1739 the Marathas besieged Bassein: and in May, after a gallant defence, the defenders had to capitulate. They were allowed to march out with all the honours of war. In 1774, and again in 1780, Bassein was taken by the English, but each time restored to the Marathas. In 1817 it finally became British territory.

I may some day elaborate these brief notes. May they attract some visitors to this fascinating spot, and simplify their explorations on arrival.

THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—With reference to the offer made by H. H. the Maharaja of Gondal, allow me to state that whilst the scheme was in its infancy, one of our own esteemed citizens, who is the owner of large proprietary villages in the Island of Salsette, offered to give free land in one of his villages for the location of the Institute. It was at that time thought that about 100 acres of land would suffice for the purposes of the Institute. The late Mr. Justice Ranade, who was one of the zealous advocates of the scheme, advised our citizen on the matter and had the land surveyed by engineers and architects. It was then found that the area of land offered was insufficient, and that about 300 acres would be required for the Institute. On hearing this, our citizen spontaneously increased his offer, to the extent just mentioned.

In the meanwhile, H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore made his offer of 300 acres of free land in his territory and five lakhs of rupees for the building fund, besides an annuity of Rs. 30,000. On becoming aware of this, our benevolent citizen further increased his already munificent offer, by promising to furnish the Institute with 5 lacs of rupees worth of building stone from the quarries owned by him in the Island of Salsette, with the sole proviso that the work of hewing, &c., was not to be borne by him.

Mr. Padshaw, Secretary, was then in communication with our citizen regarding the latter's offer, which was ultimately declined, preference being accorded to that from the Mysore Government.

Now, sir, there can be no two opinions that every one of us most earnestly desires that this Institute, which is the gift of one of our most esteemed benefactors should be located somewhere in the vicinity of our beloved city, why then, cannot those, who have this scheme in hand, see their way to accept the magnificent offer of one of our own citizens, in preference to that recently made by the Maharaja of Gondal. The only apparent hitch is that of the promised annuity. Surely, in view of the princely generosity of two of our citizens, there will be found others of similar liberal spirit, who, if properly approached on the subject, would be willing to make up a substantial annuity, and thus enrol their names on the illustrious scroll of our city's benefactors. There is no need to recapitulate the benefits likely to result from the location of the Institute in the neighbourhood from which the idea first sprang. I strongly hold the opinion that it is not yet too late to seriously consider the subject of the location of the Institute in the neighbourhood of our fair city.—Yours, &c,

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WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

Novelties in Summer Garments.

A SEASON OF SILK.

BELTS AND BUCKLES.

LONDON, April 7.

Day by day and week by week, the blouse beautiful continues to gain a firmer hold on our affections. Essentially a comfortable garment and one that is capable of an infinite variety in the matter of colour, material, and design, the blouse of the moment, whether for morning, afternoon, or evening wear, is worthy of our most respectful attention, since it is a part of my lady's latter-day toilette, upon which the greatest care and attention are now lavished. Two pretty blouses intended for afternoon wear, original in design, and quite smart enough to take the place of afternoon bodices, always supposing that pretty skirts can be found matching exactly the colour of the blouses, if not the materials of which they are made. One is carried out in the new radium silk, in a soft shade of lilac, with a knot of pink roses fastened into the front, just to give the charming contrast of mauve and pink, so much in evidence at the moment. Scar draperies and a deep frill of lilac chiffon, bordered with tiny ruches of the same fabric, cover the front of the blouse, while the chemisette is of fine ecru embroidered lace, with true lover's knots in lilac ribbon applique. Worth noting, too, are the elbow sleeves, with their double puffs of silk and their falling frills of lace and chiffon. The other blouse displays most convincingly the infinite possibilities of soft uncrushable English satin. It might well be worn with a fully pleated skirt of the same soft satin, arranged with a panel of plain material down the centre of the front. In a soft tone of "reseda" this blouse would be a great success finished with a chemisette and long cuffs of Valenciennes lace, adorned with raised applique motifs of broderie anglaise. Little revers of white suede, with pale green suede ornaments and a white suede belt, with green suede buttons are worth chronicling as giving a distinct touch of originality to this blouse. The cross-over draperies can be arranged to suit individual figures, and will be found most characteristic of the bodices which will be worn in the immediate future.

At last, after many hints and rumours, the great oracles of fashion, at home and abroad, have spoken, and the welcome edict has gone forth that the coming season will be most emphatically a season of silks. Those good old days, when everybody who was anybody possessed at least two or three silk gowns, seem to have returned to us, and the mode is one which has undoubtly come to stay. For afternoon home wear and for visiting, as well as for smart occasions generally, the chameleon-shots silks, of the taffetas mousseline variety, both with and without tiny checks and stripes, will be more worn than any other. In the evening, these shot taffetas will also be seen, together with many varieties of Louisine and Messaline, and the new "radium" silk, which is of a most fascinating texture and appearance.

A silk frock recently seen was carried out in pale lavender taffetas mousseline, shot with a very delicate tone of rose-leaf pink, the two colours combining to produce a peach-blossom shade, which was indescribably dainty and charming in effect. The fully-pleated skirt opened down the centre of the front to show a plain panel of silk, while it was trimmed round the sides and back only, with three box-pleated ruches of the same shot taffetas. The bodice, which was slightly full, was prettily arranged with a fichu of the silk, bordered with a box-pleated ruche, and a chemisette of cream Alencon lace, laid over silver tissue. Full elbow sleeves worn with long gloves of white suede complete the bodice, while the wide waist-belt was of rose-pink Louisine silk ribbon. These touches of rose and silver on the bodice were cleverly repeated in a Watteau that which was made in the new silvered straw, and wreathed with pink roses, matching exactly the colour of the waist-belt. Under the brim there were more pink roses, a little cluster of white ostrich tips, and a frilled curtain of Alencon lace. Newest among the straws used in Paris at the moment for millinery purposes are those which have either a silver or a golden effect. The metallic lustre is very lightly and artistically applied to the straw, so that the effect is far prettier than one might imagine, merely from a verbal description.

In the matter of millinery, no less than in that of dress and blouse materials, there is a perfect craze at in moment for Pompadour colourings and floral designs in miniature, that owe their inspiration to antique French brocades and old engravings and portraits. The dainty floral muslins of the season, printed with Pompadour garlands and bouquets, will look very pretty, later on in the year, made up over soft English silks or satins. These foundation silks or satins will emphasise in their colour the predominant shade in the floral design which will again be repeated in the wide ribbon at the waist, and possibly in a little flight of butterfly bows downs the centre of the bodice in front. Dainty harmonies in pale pink and pale blue are seen on many of the newest hats some of which, by the way, are composed of corn-coloured Leghorn straw, and made in a perfectly flat shape, with no visible distinction between crown and brim. Small garlands of pink roses are arranged quite formally round the brim, and spaced out with little star-shaped bows of pale blue velvet. There is undoubtedly a quaint attractiveness about some of the new Watteau shapes, their irregularity of form adding not a little to their becoming effect. A Watteau hat in pale blue crinoline has the crown entirely hidden under draperies of chine floral silk, while the trimming consist of clusters of roses, in several shades of blue, a drapery of very fine gold lace, and a white ostrich feather aigrette, with a tall white osprey in the centre. Another very dainty Watteau hat is made in silvered straw, and turned up sharply at the back, to show a full cache-peigne of cowslips, some mauve and some yellow. A leaf-green velvet ribbon is twisted round the crown, and tied in a smart little bow in front.

The belt has been a conspicuous item of the costume during the last few seasons, and if the importance of such a thing can be gauged by its beauty and the effort expended upon it, it is to be more important than ever this summer. Some of the successes of last year reappear, with perhaps some slight change justifying the word novelty. The plain crush belts of soft leather in black, white, and colours, the crush and embroidered linen belts, the silk crush belts and girdles are all here again with their round or square or oval buckles of brass, silver, gunmetal, leather, or mother of pearl. But the most noticeable of the new belts are the combinations of leather and heavy silk, usually moire or faille. These belts are to be had in all colourings and in many widths and shapings, but the general idea of all is the same—a smooth foundation of silk, over which are strappings or cut-out designs of leather in the same colour as the silk.

The belt may be a straight one of tolerable width, bordered by a band of leather and with several narrow bands of leather running throughout its length, with the silk gleaming between. Or the belt may be narrow in front, but broaden to a girdle, pointed top and bottom, in the back. There is again the stitched border of leather, and a single band of leather runs along the belt middle, dividing in the back to form a diamond-shaped figure in the centre of the broad girdle, and following the same lines as the latter's outline. Again, one sees a plain, straight, rather narrow belt of leather cut out in conventional design, and made up over silk. In white or cream, these cutwork belts mounted on dull lustrous white or cream silk, have somewhat the effect of bas-relief carving on ivory and in some instances this effect is heightened by a slight shading of the leather, merely enough to throw the design into higher relief. These leather and silk belts, though exceedingly supple and moulding readily to the figure, are not usually of the crush belt class, though there are exceptions. In white they are at their best, but in black they are more attractive than the average black belt and in light blue, rose, fruit red, browns of all shades dull greens, and pastel pink they are very delightful. Buckles of all kinds are used for suede belts—kid, plain metal, pearl, art nouveau, jewelled, and many of the models have buckles or slides at back as well as front. The art nouveau designs in shade golds and imitation precious stones are often beautiful, and remarkable colour schemes are achieved in this metal work combined with leather and silk. Methods of holding the back of the belt in broad girdle shape are many, and to these devices a majority of the belts owe their originality. In a large number of the new models, three narrow slides of metal, plain or set with little jewels, and long enough to hold the soft girdle to its full width, are set close together at the bottom, and spreading fan fashion toward the top; while at the front the belt narrows to the width of a small buckle harmonising with the slides. Other girdles of this same shape have, instead of the three slides, a fan-shaped pleating of leather, with rows of tiny buttons down each side. In some instances the width at the back is sustained by three large buttons, leather covered, or of metal, like last year's belts.

For the moment the three-quarter net or lace curtain is rivalling the long drapery in popularity, and in Brussels net is pretty and inexpensive, with its insertion and edge of Cluny or Renaissance braid manipulated in a point design. To make these, there are an immense variety of art and Russian net curtains in most attractive meshes, that are very inexpensive and far preferable to the cheap imitations of lace. For bedroom use there are any number of cottons, cretonnes, and silkolines that make up into delightfully picturesque window draperies. Venetian silk is an exquisite material to hang at library windows, when the room is of a simple nature. Then there are the sik-finished materials, besides velours in all qualities, which are used for heavy draperies; while for long draperies there is a wool rep in all art shades which is particularly happy in its effect.

The governing body of the Berlin Academy of Painting has declared itself averse to the admission of female students to the Academy's Schools of Art. The refusal is, however, by no means as churlish as may at first be thought. The classes are full to overflowing as it is, besides which, there already exists a Female Art School, in need of reorganization, it is true, but which, if aided by the State, would meet the need of female students as sufficiently as does the Kunsi Academie. Weimar, by the way, does now admit women to its Kunsi school upon equal terms with the men, although Munich, still the best-beloved, does not. In the latter city, however, the large number of private ateliers where women can enjoy the very best tuition on moderate terms makes up for the Bavarian capitals' want of gallantry on this score.

CATTLE BREEDING IN THE PRESIDENCY.

A PRESS note issued by the Bombay Government states:—The question of the improvement of the breeds of cattle in this country has been engaging the attention of Government for some time, and the measures taken by this Government for such improvement in places in which the people themselves are not alive to the importance of careful breeding have been described in a Press Note issued on 3rd April. As a further step in the same direction, the Government of India have sanctioned for three years commencing from 1st July 1904, a grant of Rs. 1,000 annually for the award of prizes at Cattle Shows in this Presidency. It has been decided to utilise this grant for the Cattle Fairs held annually at Sholapur in the Sholapore District and Mhasvad in the Satara District, these two fairs being held about the centre of the districts where cattle breeding requires most encouragement. The Mhasvad Fair which was held in December 1904 and the Sholapur Fair which held in January 1905 also received contribution from the District Local Boards concerned, and the question of a supplementary Provincial grant will be considered when some idea can be formed of the effect which the Imperial grant is likely to have in promoting the desired object.

THE BOMBAY EXHIBITION.

THE WOMEN'S SECTION.

THE Executive Committee of the Women's Section of the recent Bombay Exhibition held their final meeting on Wednesday when the statement of accounts was approved and the Committee was dissolved. The following is the statement of accounts:—

Receipts:—Donations up to date, Rs. 7,395, amount recovered from sales of figures, &c. Rs. 182-10-3, total Rs. 7,578-10-3. Expenses:—To the Hon. Mr. Vithaldas for the Pavilion in cash, Rs. 2,060 extra room to Pavilion, Rs. 500, amount paid for show cases (given away to the Exhibition Committee) Rs. 930-9; decorating, matting, &c., to the Pavilion, Rs. 798-4-9; figures of Indian women Rs. 430-5; stationery and printing, Rs. 460-2-6; salaries to clerks and servants Rs. 339-12-11; hire of furniture, Rs. 130-7-9; postage, Rs. 122-14-3; sundries Rs. 17-3; coolies and carting, Rs. 8-5-9; losses made good, Rs. 164-2-10; total Rs. 5,952-3-9; balance to Mr. Vithaldas in cash, Rs. 1,626-6-6; total Rs. 7,578-10-3.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Second-Lieutenant Hubert Francis Daubeny Burke, 2nd Batt. B. B. and C. I. Railway Volunteer Rifles, resigns his commission with effect from the 4th March 1905.

Second-Lieutenant H. R. Rylands, Bombay Volunteer Rifles, is granted leave of absence out of India, from the 6th May to the 5th November 1905.

Captain William Sutherland to be Major Karachi Artillery Volunteers, to complete the establishment vice Hay.

Second-Lieutenant Albert Cecil Bussell, Southern Maharatta Railway Rifles, to be Lieutenant vice Graham, promoted.

Second-Lieutenant Herbert William Foote to be Lieutenant to complete the establishment.

PASSENGERS PER S. S. VILLE DE LA CIOTAT.

THE following passengers will proceed to-day per Messageries Maritimes Coy's steamer Ville de la Ciotat from V. Dock No. 12 to Australia, etc. There will be the usual medical inspection at the dock at 11 30 p. m Native servants and ayahs and deck passengers must be at the Princes Dock, disinfecting shed at 3-15 p.m. with all their baggage:—

For Colombo.—Mr Ducamp, Mr Loudin, Mr Fouxmann, Mr Tguatz Reppel, Mr Holly Keen, Mr P V Dalvi, Dr L A Whittle, Mr P H Lacon, Mr E H McDougall, Mr M Wiesenthal, Mr J Ongawa and Mr S Shimamoto and Son.

For Melbourne.—Mr and Mrs Hoyshaw and 3 children and Captain R Masfield.

For Adelaide.—Mr. Saffin.

For Sydney.—Mr Dernbacher, and Mr C A J Todd.

For Noumea.—Mr and Mrs and Miss Lang, Mrs de Greshan, Mr and Mrs Tannetrat and 5 children, Mr Emile, Mr Georges Coulon, Mrs Bernier, Mr Buseau, Mr Lelaumier, Mr Hupert, Mr Hammont, Mrs Suiriadee and child, Mr and Mrs Chabert, Mrs Dedien and 3 children, Mrs Bergasse, Mr Monot, and Mr Bernier.

HOW TO KEEP COOL.

All who suffer from the heat should add a few drops of Condy's Fluid to the Daily Bath.

A Condy's Fluid Bath imparts a delightful sensation of Coolness, Freshness and Purity. It invigorates the body and braces the nerves. The strengthening effect is Simply Magical.

Condy's Fluid is sold by all Chemists. Beware of substitutes, all of which are inferior in composition and strength. Insist on having "Condy's Fluid."

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

Lieutenant B. C. Fellows, Aide-de-Camp to the Political Resident, Aden, is granted privilege leave for three months combined with one month's leave to England from the 19th May or subsequently.

Mr. J. McNeill, I. C. S., acts as Political Agent, Savanur, in addition to his own duties, during the absence on leave of Mr. M. C. Gibb, LL.B. (Cantab.), I. C. S.

Mr. L. C. Swifte, I. C. S., acts as Political Agent, Bhor, vice Mr. A. C. Logan, I. C. S.

The undermentioned officers are appointed Magistrates of the Third Class in the districts noted against their names:—Mr. R. G. Gordon, I. C. S., Ahmedabad. Mr. L. Graham, I. C. S., Dharwar; Mr. W. Greer, I. C. S., Ahmednagar, and Mr. G. Wiles, I. C. S., Ahmedabad.

The Governor-in-Council is pleased to confirm the appointment; Mr. H. D. Rendall, B. A. (Cantab.) I. C. S. to act as Registrar of the High Court, Appellate Side, during the absence of Mr. R. D. Sethna, B. A. LL. B., Barrister-at-law, on leave.

Mr. P. O'Brien, Probationary Third Grade, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Karachi, passed on the 11th March, an examination in law.

Mr. B. W. Kissan, I.C.S., Assistant Collector in the district of Ahmedabad, is appointed a Magistrate of the First Class in that district.

Mr. J. E. Husbands, I.C.S., Assistant Collector in the district of Kaira, is appointed a Magistrate of the First Class in that district.

Mr. T. D. Fry, I.C.S., Judge and Sessions Judge, Poona, and Agent for Sirdars in the Deccan, has been granted privilege leave for forty-two days with effect from the date of his relief.

Mr. E. M. Pratt, I.C.S., acts as Judge and Sessions Judge, Poona, and Agent for Sirdars in the Deccan during the absence of Mr. Fry, or pending further orders.

Mr. F. K. Boyd, I.C.S., acts as Remembrancer of Legal Affairs, vice Mr. Pratt, pending further orders.

Mr. C. S. Marston, First Grade Assistant Superintendent of Police, has been allowed by the Secretary of State for India, an extension of furlough for nine months.

Mr. C. R. Roper, I. C. S., Acting Judge and Sessions Judge, Kanara, is granted, with effect from the date on which he may avail himself of it, such privilege leave as may be due to him in combination with furlough to bring the combined period of absence up to fourteen months.

Mr. H. L. Newman, Divisional Forest Officer, W. D. Kanara, is granted privilege leave for three months in combination with special leave on urgent private affairs for three months.

Mr. A. C. Logan, I. C. S., is appointed to act as Commissioner, C. D., vice the Honourable Mr. A. D. Younghusband, I. C. S., proceeding on leave.

Mr. L. C. Swifte, I. C. S., acts as Collector of Poona and Member and President of the District Local Board vice Mr. A. C. Logan, I. C. S.

Mr. J. P. Orr, I. C. S., is appointed to be Junior Collector vice Mr. W. D. Sheppard, I. C. S.

Mr. R. B. Stewart, M. A. (Oxon.), I. C. S., appointed to be Senior Collector vice Mr. E. L. Cappel, C. I. E., I. C. S., retired.

Mr. S. R. Arthur, I. C. S., is appointed to be Junior Collector vice Mr. R. B. Stewart, I. C. S.

Mr. A. F. Maconochie, I.C.S., Collector of Nasik, is allowed privilege leave for three months in combination with furlough for six months.

Mr. M. C. Gibb, LL.B. (Cantab.), I. C. S., Collector of Dharwar, is allowed privilege leave for three months.

Mr. C. S. Campbell, I. C. S., Personal Assistant to the Collector of Khandesh, is allowed privilege leave for one month.

Mr. J. McNeill, I. C. S., acts as Collector of Dharwar and Member and President of the District Local Board, in addition to his own duties, during the absence on leave of Mr. M. C. Gibb, LL.B. (Cantab.), I. C. S.

Mr. H. L. Fox, I. C. S., passed the Higher Standard Departmental Examination on 16th March. Mr. Fox passed an examination in Sindhi on the same date.

Major E. G. R. Whitcombe, I. M. S., has been appointed to act as Civil Surgeon, Jacobabad, from the afternoon of the 27th March, in addition to his own duties.

Mr. C. Rogers, Accountant, 1st Grade, and Honorary Assistant Examiner, is granted privilege leave for one month and nineteen days combined with furlough for one year and six days with effect from the forenoon of the 15th April.

The following appointments are notified:—Lieutenant G. W. C. Lucas, 34th Poona Horse, to be Adjutant, his Excellency the Governor's Body Guard, with effect from the 6th April 1904. Captain H. T. Naylor, 35th Jacob's Horse, to be Commandant, his Excellency the Governor's Body Guard, with effect from the 27th February 1905.

Mr. C. Johnston Assoc. M. Inst. C. E., Temporary Engineer, is appointed to hold charge of the office of the Executive Engineer, Begari Canals District, during the absence of Mr. C. Gulland, Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade, and Acting Executive Engineer, on privilege leave, or until further orders.

Mr. V. M. Griffiths, Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade, is appointed to act as Executive Engineer, Nasik and Ahmednagar Irrigation District, vice Mr. H. O. B. Shoubridge, Assoc. M. Inst., C. E., Executive Engineer, 3rd Grade, proceeding on combined leave, or until further orders.

The following promotions are ordered in the Engineer Establishment:—Mr. W. L. S. L. Cameron, Assoc. M. Inst. C. E., from Superintending Engineer, Class II, permanent, and Chief Engineer, Class II, substantive pro tem. to Superintending Engineer, Class II, permanent, Chief Engineer, Class II, substantive pro tem, and Acting Chief Engineer, Class I; with effect from, 12th March; Mr. A. Hill, C. I. E., F.C.H. Assoc. M. Inst. C.E., from Executive Engineer, 1st Grade, permanent, and Superintending Engineer, Class III, substantive pro tem; to Executive Engineer, 1st Grade, permanent, Superintending Engineer, Class III, substantive pro tem., and Acting Chief Engineer, Class II., with effect from the 12th March.

Mr. D. W. Herbert, Assoc. M. Inst. C E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Class, substantive pro tem., and Sanitary Engineer, is granted privilege leave for three months combined with furlough for twenty-one months from 1st May or subsequently.

THE ROYAL VISIT.

THE following is a copy of a letter which has been forwarded to the Secretary to Government General Department:—

Sir,—In view of the approaching visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to this country which has now been definitely announced, I beg to place before you a request which you will arrange to bring to the notice of His Excellency the Governor in Council who will, I hope be pleased to grant it.

Their Royal Highnesses will land in India in November next, and to welcome them first on their visit to this country in a manner becoming the sovereign dignity of their persons, will be the good lot of the "great" citizens of Bombay; but it will not be in the lot of the "poorer and lower" class of the inhabitants of this island viz., those of the working order, to pay their homage to Their Royal Highnesses, as on the day on which they will land, all the Offices, Government, Mercantile, Municipal, &c., all the mills and factories, the employes of which go largely to make up the bulk of the population of this island, especially those of the mill industry, will be open, and thus they will be deprived of a splendid opportunity of viewing the celebrated faces of their future Emperor and Empress.

I have, therefore, to request you to move Government in the matter and arrange about sanctioning the day of the landing of Their Royal Highnesses on this island, a Gazetted public holiday and call upon all employers of labour, millowners, office conductors and all others to close their work for the day and give leave to their employes with a view to give them an opportunity to pay their respects on Their Royal Highnesses. Thanking you in anticipation.—I have, &c.,

A ZOROASTRIAN.

Bombay, April 27th.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhoea whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winlow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere.

ATHLETIC NOTES.

THE prospects of the coming monsoon cricket season, as far as the Bombay Gymkhana is concerned, are more promising than they have been for a good many years, and a month hence Gymkhana supporters will have all the gratification of seeing a team in the field which for strength will revive memories of the strong elevens that did duty for the Gymkhana in the early nineties. The bowling may, perhaps, not quite come up to the standard of the elevens of those days when Messrs. E. E. Steel, E. B. Raikes and A. H. Newnham were at their best, but for all that, the attack, with four bowlers of the calibre of Messrs. Cheetham, Milne, Ainsworth and Coombs available, to say nothing of the numerous change bowlers, will be stronger than it has been for years. Several new players, whose performances will be watched with considerable interest will come into the team, and among these are Messrs. H.D. Rendall and P. R. Cadell, both of the Indian Civil Service. Mr. Rendall who was in the Rugby XI in the early "Nineties" and afterwards played on several occasions for Leicestershire, before that county received promotion, is an excellent bat and change bowler and a wicket-keeper above the average. He has to the best of our knowledge never played in Bombay, but a couple of seasons ago was regarded as one of the best all round cricketers in the Mofussil. He had an excellent record for Ahmedabad Gymkhana, two years ago, with bat and ball, playing in about sixteen matches that season. As a bat and a wicket-keeper he should prove a very valuable acquisition to the Gymkhana this season, while his bowling should also be useful on occasions. With Mr. P. M. D. Sanderson to share with him the duties of wicket-keeper, the Gymkhana will no longer be handicapped for want of a reliable stumper. Mr. Cadell, the old Oxford Rugger Blue, is a very steady bat and can also bowl when required. Most of his cricket lately has been played in Sind where as captain of the Sukkur eleven he compiled several good scores last season against Quetta and Karachi. Of the old players Messrs. H. Cheetham, J. S. Milne, S. N. Powell, C. L. Burns, A. H. S. Aston, E. E. Coombs, and A. C. Rumboll will be again available, while Messrs J. A. C. Kiddle, P. M. D. Sanderson, T. L. Ainsworth, H. C. Cumberbatch, and Captain E.L. Vans Agnew, who all made promising "debuts" during the cold weather season or last monsoon, will also be available. With this imposing array of names to select the team for the monsoon season of 1905 should go down to history as one of the most successful ever enjoyed by the Gymkhana.

The Gymkhana hockey team is to be congratulated on the excellent form displayed against the Grant Medical College, the Aga Khan Tournament Cup holders, on Wednesday evening, a fast and exciting game resulting in a draw of one goal each. The popularity of hockey in Bombay was never greater than at the present time, and it is satisfactory to see so many native Clubs Springing into existence. The Cathedral Old Boys have not lost a match yet, and despite the loss of one or two of last year's players, are as great a team as ever. The Yorkshire Regiment are showing improved form every match, while the Grant Medical College, although, perhaps, not so good as last year, are still a formidable combination. The Gymkhana team has improved out of all recognition and should do better than ever before in the Tournament this year. Several of the native Clubs are showing very promising form and if they train on as they have started, will have to be seriously reckoned with next season.

The Gymkhana Lawn Tennis Handicap Tournament is attracting a lot of attention this year, the number of players who entered for both the Doubles and the Singles being larger than usual. Considerable progress has been made in the Tournament and the finals will be played next week in the case of the Doubles and the week after in the case of the Singles.

It is not often that Bombay sportsmen are given an opportunity of bagging a tiger this side of the Ghauts. Just at present two tigers are playing havoc with the villagers' cattle at Mumbra and Karjat, two stations on the G I P Railway, 23 and 60 miles respectively from Bombay

PLAGUE AND THE BUDDHIST SCRIPTURES.

INTERESTING HISTORICAL FACTS.

A CORRESPONDENT writes as follows to the "Rangoon Gazette:"—In India, plague was known very early, and its appearance at various times and places is mentioned in the Buddhist Scriptures and in their commentaries. From the course it then followed, there can be but little doubt that the disease mentioned was the same as what we now call plague. The "Friend of Burma" contains an interesting letter on this subject by a learned hpoongyi of Rangoon known as U. Candima. His letter is in answer to a query by another hpoongyi, U. Yugandhara, and several other influential Burmans as to whether the plague is mentioned in the Pitakas and the Commentaries, what kind of sickness it is and whether it can be cured. We have verified the quotations of U. Candima and found them correct. No doubt many more quotations might be produced if the Commentaries were carefully looked through. One quotation at least is from a book which has been proved by the best scholars to have been in existence before the time of Asoka, the Emperor, that is, before the third century before Christ the Mahavagga. The others are taken from works written or compiled during the fifth century A.D.

The Pali name of the disease is "Ahivafaroga," that is literally the "Snake wind disease," but we prefer the Sanskrit etymology, with which U. Candima appears not to be acquainted. "Ahix" according to native Sanskrit lexicographers means "striking or destroying everywhere."

THE CAUSE OF PROPAGATION.

As far back as the fifth century A. D., and very probably much earlier, the Indians and Sinhalese asserted, just as Western physicians now do, that diseases were propagated by mosquitoes and flies and that plague in particular was spread by flies and rats. We read in the Dhammapadatthakatha (II, 2): "When plague occurs, flies first die, and then all animals, even crows." A sub-commentary on the Mahavagga above-mentioned gives in order the names of the animals they thought to be attacked before men: When the Ahivata pestilence arises, flies die first, then rats, then fowls, pigs follow and cows; after that the servants die, then the masters of the house. Here, flies or mosquitoes come first, then the rats. It is worthy remark that slaves and servants are said to fall victims before their masters, probably, it must be understood from their negligence and filth. It is what doubtless is happening now, too. It may be still remembered that in India, fowls and cows died from the disease. The Indians did not know of any remedy against the fell disease. Flight, they thought, was the only remedy. In "Mahavagga" (L. 51) it is said that a whole family died of plague, only two boys being left; in this connection the compilers aid that "he who breaks through the roof of the house or through the wall (that is who flee away) may be saved." The fear of contamination was as great then as it is now, for the compilers go on to say that when the two boys that were left ran away, they met bhikkhus (Buddhist priests) but the bhikkhus, terrified, drove them away, and the boys, who were not yet fifteen, cried.

CAUSE OF THE DISEASE.

From what precedes and from the statement that flies and rats were first to die, that the only remedy was in flight, that the disease was in the air,—that is, caused by baneful gases and emanations from the ground—in a word, that the disease was caused by filth, that people not overcareful and habitually dirty, such as slaves and servants, died first, it may be pretty safely concluded that the "Ahivataroga," the "Maribyadhi" and "Mari" of old Pali and Sanskrit writers, was the plague.

H. M.S. HYACINTH, Captain Hon. H. L. A. Hood, D S O., with Rear Admiral Atkinson-Willis, on board, and H. M. S. Proserpine, Captain A. R. Hulbert, returned to Bombay yesterday from the Persian Gulf via Karachi.

ON the night of the 25th instant, a large gang of raiders appeared at the tonga changing station near Matanni Police Station, and got off with five tonga-ponies. It will be remembered that the Matanni Post was raided at the end of February and several rifles were stolen.

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A KATHIAWAR OUTLAW'S DEATH.

RAIDE CHARAN'S LAST STAND.

THE career of Charan Raide Bhoya Buchad, a famous Kathiawar outlaw and dacoit, terminated on Friday, the 21st inst. He was traced by Jamnagar State police to a hut in Kalawad Simani where he had gone for rest and refreshment after a severe fight on the 19th where three of his gang were wounded. Alone in this hut, and surrounded by about 30 State police and ten Jamnagar lancers which his Highness, the Jam Saheb had sent to aid the police, Raide maintained a desperate fight for three or four hours, killing the Resaldar, and wounding three other members of the police force, before he was mortally wounded himself.

Raide Charan, or Raide Buchad as he was commonly known, was in outlawry some 15 years ago. He looted several villages and committed many atrocities throughout Kathiawar, and Government appointed the late Colonel Humphrey on special duty to put an end to the depredations of the gang. Raide, finding the pursuit too hot for him surrendered to the late Jam Saheb, Sir Vibnaji, K. C. S. I., who handed him over to the agency to be tried. The trial ended in his transportation for life. He was confined in different British Jails, and latterly being thought a well-conducted prisoner he was transferred to the Surat Jail. He managed to escape about two years ago, and soon made his way back to Kathiawar, his native country. For sometime he remained inactive in order to collect a gang. Before launching out on his last series of daring dacoities which have just resulted in his death, Raide had committed several offences such as carrying away people as hostages and extracting money from them. These offences, the police found it difficult to prove as the persons concerned, through fear of Raide and future molestation, refused to give information, and in fact denied that they were carried away and robbed. The police of almost all the States, including the Agency Police, were in search of the outlaw, but he managed to conceal his haunts and avoid capture. On the 2nd March last he made his first appearance with a gang of about 15 men, mostly armed, and

LOOTED THE REVENUE HAVILDAR

posted at Gadu, a Jamnagar village, carrying away among other things a couple of guns and swords. Then on the 27th March, he moved to Niakhiata, a village under the Junagadh State where he took away property worth about Rs. 75. Two days later he made a formidable inroad with about 20 of a gang, on Mewasa, a village under Bilkha Jetpur. In this village he plundered two houses and carried away property to the value of Rs. 1 500. Then on the 17th April he attacked the Jamnagar village Bajana, in the Laipur Taluka. On this occasion his robberies amounted to Rs 2,000 worth of property. The matter thus getting serious the Jamnagar State police rose to the occasion and arranged parties to track the gang. On the 19th they succeeded in tracing 6 of the gang to a Nulla 17 miles from the scene of the dacoity. Raide was with them. One of the gang who was on guard fired at the police, who divided themselves into two parties and tried to surround the gang. The dacoits fled leaving a great portion of the stolen property behind. They made for a small sailing vessel which happened to be lying in the Ambala creek near-by. One of their number was wounded when endeavouring to reach the vessel. Having gained the shelter of the ship they maintained a fight for three hours. The police brought up carts from the village, and under cover of them endeavoured to get near the vessel. Two more of the gang were wounded, and it is probable they would all have been captured had the light held out, but night coming on, they all managed to escape.

A DESPERATE FIGHT.

On the following morning, at the first streak of dawn, the police set to work to trace them by their foot-prints but they were baffled. On the following day the 21st instant, they obtained a clue to the leader. Raide's whereabouts. It appears that on the evening of the 20th a police batmidar, an acquaintance of Raide found him weak with hunger and took him to his house and fed him, Raide went away for the night, but returned the next morning for food and rest. Telling Raide that he had some work to do, the batmidar left him in the house, and locking the door went to inform Mr. Khandubhai Makanji, the Jamnagar State Police Superintendent who was then encamped at Mandha, 6 kos away. A police force of about 30 turned out accompanied by 10 lancers sent by H. H. the Jam Saheb. The house was surrounded, and Raide making loop-holes in the mud walls, maintained a desperate fight for several hours, keeping the whole force at bay. As the fight went on Raide sang and danced like one possessed, and mocked the force, shouting "Shabash Juwano." Thus for three or four hours the fight was continued, and Mahomed Khan, the Resaldar of the Mounted Police, was killed, and two police sowars and a naik were wounded by Raide before his firing ceased. When the police approached and broke into the house they found Raide dead with several bullets through him. Raide was one of the most formidable outlaws Kathiawar has ever seen. He had been long a troubler of the Province, and as long as he remained uncaptured, there was no peace for Kathiawar, and life and property would not have been safe.

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THE WEATHER.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

SIMLA, APRIL 27.

The depression is now over the United Provinces Rain has fallen in the West Himalayas, Bengal Assam, Burma and the South Peninsula. Colombo has received 2 1-2 inches, Bellary 2, Berhampore, Fezpur, and Jalpaiguri 1 1-2, Silchar, Narayanganj, Sibsagar, Gauhati, Cherrapoonjee and Dinajpur 1 inch. Rain is likely in Assam and Bengal and is possible in Behar, the East of the United Provinces, Burma and the South Peninsula.

THE WEATHER AT MATHERAN.

The following are the weather observations at Matheran:—

Date April	Temperature Max.	Temperature Min.	Rainfall Inches	Rainfall Cents
25th	87°	69°	—	..

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A. M. ON THURSDAY, THE 27TH OF APRIL 1905.

SUMMARY.

Pressure changes have been irregular, showing a brisk rise at Karwar, Bangalore and Cuddapha, and a brisk fall at Saugor, Jhansi, Allahabad and Cawnpore. The barometer is from moderate to considerable excess of normal.

Winds are variable in direction and the force has been fresh at Karachi, Belgaum and Jamnagar, and moderate to light elsewhere.

Temperature.—The maximum is from 7° to 11° in defect of normal at Raipur, Allahabad, Hoshangabad, Jubbulpore and Saugor, and minimum 5° to 9° at Cawnpore, Akola and Khandwa. The highest temperature in the shade was 109° at Jacobabad and the lowest 65° at Belgaum.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is partially cloudy at Trichinopoly, Madras, Cuddapah, Masulipatam Hyderabad (Deccan), Ratnagiri, Calicut, Bombay' Jaipur and Karachi.

Rain.—Heavy rain fell at Colombo (2·35), nearly two inches at Bellary, over half an inch at Bangalore, and light showers at Hyderabad (Deccan) and Cochin.

Weather.—Conditions are slightly favourable for thunder and lightning with local showers in Ceylon, the Madras Presidency, Mysore and the southerly portion of the Bombay Presidency.

N. LESLIE.
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES IN AFRICA.

THE PROPOSED ZIONIST SETTLEMENT.

A CHANGE of considerable importance to our Colonial Empire took place on April 1st, when the Somaliland, Uganda, and East Africa Protectorates passed from the control of the Foreign Office to that of the Colonial Office which had already assumed the administration of the British Central Africa (Nyassaland) Protectorate. It is in the East Africa Protectorate that the change is of most immediate interest in view of the rush of white settlers to that country. Sir Donald Stewart, the Commissioner, who succeeded Sir Charles Eliot, has, says a Correspondent of the "Pall Mall Gazette", experienced difficulties of the same kind as confronted his predecessor with regard to land concessions and native rights, and his views have not always met with the approbation of Lord Lansdowne. A department more accustomed to deal with colonisation projects will probably have less trouble in this matter than the Foreign Office has had. To the Colonial Secretary will fall the decision of the question of the proposed Zionist settlement. Major A. St. Hill Gibbons, who was sent out by the Government to East Africa to examine the area applied for by the Zionists, has completed his investigations, and is now on his way home. It is understood that the two chief obstacles to the granting of the land to the Jews are that, large as it is, the area is insufficient to do much to relieve the pressure of alien immigration to England and that doubts are felt as to the propriety of giving the colonists Home Rule on a Hebrew basis—which is what the Zionists desire. The healthiness of the site and its suitability for agricultural development have been demonstrated but it is a considerable distance from the Uganda Railway.

Henceforth the Foreign Office will have but one African Protectorate under its care—that of Zanzibar. Formerly the East Africa Protectorate was a sort of dependency of Zanzibar, and the two countries had the same chief, but in 1903, the office of Consul-General of Zanzibar was separated from the East Africa Commissionership. The British representative at Zanzibar is now Mr. Basil S. Cave, who earned his C.B. in 1896, for the prompt manner in which he compelled the submission of Said Khaled when he attempted to seize the Sultanate in opposition to the nominee of the British Government.

THE NEW ZIONISM.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Zangwill were the guests at dinner on the 4th of April, of the B'nei Zion Association at Bonn's Hotel, Great Prescott-street, E. Replying to the toast of the health of himself and his wife, Mr. Zangwill said that if Zionism was ever to take any practical step, it could not do so at a more favourable period than during the four years in which the great lover of peace, who has just summoned the Hague Conference, holds his position as President of the United States. He was inclined to think that if England really wished to offer a solution of the Jewish question as well as to invite co-operation in opening up and developing her immense East African Empire, she should, with an area of 200,000 square miles at her command, offer us the experiment of expanding under the same self-governing conditions over a considerable adjoining area, so that we might be inspired to colonisation on a great scale and add a really valuable link to her chain of Empire. It was ridiculous to say that the birth of their people was impossible except in Palestine. The Jewish State was where the Jewish people lived in freedom under its own institutions.

Mrs. Zangwill, who also replied, said that half the Pilgrim Fathers were mothers. And not only were there women among these first American settlers, but, she almost thought, it was the women who bore the larger share of the trial. Now, once again, pilgrim mothers were needed, and to Zionist women had come this great opportunity. Jews must do what the English had so often done, they must go out and build a new State in a strange land. And unless Jewish women were ready to do this, unless they were ready to face the unknown, to give up all for the ideal, then this Zion, this land of theirs, would ever be what the non-Zionists call it—a dreamland.

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PURELY PERSONAL.

ANOTHER link with the past has been severed by the death of the Dowager Duchess of Abercorn, says "M.A.P." She was the daughter, wife, mother, and grandmother of dukes, had fifty-three years of a happy wedded life, and is said to have possessed three hundred descendants. She could remember the death of George III.—a remarkable record for a woman who lived into the fifth year of the twentieth century. And she owned several great-great grandchildren—the last of whom was the baby daughter born to Lord and Lady Herbert. Her strength and vitality up to a recent date have been a marvel to all who knew her. Even last Christmas the annual fancy dress dinner was given at her Sussex home, Coates Castle. This venerable peeress had seven daughters of whom the eldest—the Dowager Lady Lichfield—had now passed her three score years and ten. Of her daughters, one is a duchess two married marquises, and two married earls; and of her sixty-five grandchildren there are now alive a duke and a duchess, a marquis and marchioness, four earls, and two countesses; while more than a dozen of her descendants fought in the South African war. Her connection with Ireland dates from her early youth. She was a daughter of the Duke of Bedford who acted as Lord-Lieutenant; and during her married life she twice reigned at the Viceregal Lodge, her husband, the first Duke of Abercorn, having on two occasions held that office.

She was born in 1812, and was Lady Louisa Russell daughter of the sixth Duke of Bedford. Anecdotes of her childhood still remain. The first Lady Granville, in a letter to her sister, then Lady Georgiana Morpeth, written from the Pavilion at Brighton, in January, 1824, says: "The King (George IV.) gave a children's ball, and the youngest Bedford girl looked beautiful, exactly like what Lady Georgiana Gordon was." This pretty child, later on, became the Duchess of Abercorn. Her marriage took place in 1832, four years before the late Lady Glentworth one of our Society centenarians—married the grandson of the first Earl of Limerick. The beautiful young wife had many jewels, but the one she most prized had an interesting history, On the birth of her first child, her husband—then Marquis of Abercorn asked the girlish mother what gift she would like best to commemorate the event. She chose a locket with the picture of her baby and he presented a similar one at each subsequent birth. The ornament at last appeared as a gold chain with fourteen lockets and the late Duchess was seldom seen without her favourite necklace.

The late Duchess possessed the gift of gaining the entire devotion of her descendants, She was ever a thrice welcome guest at their houses, and only last autumn the wonderful old lady paid visits in Northumberland, and then journeyed to Drumlanrig Castle, in Scotland, where she was the guest of her daughter, the Duchess of Buccleuch. She appeared at the many marriages in her family, and the last wedding she attended was that of Lord and Lady Kerry, on February 16th 1904. Her usual present was a bracelet, with the word in "Grannie" diamonds.

The death of Ms. Pearse, the famous war correspondent, will come as a painful surprise to his associates of the Press. Over six foot tall, slight, well proportioned with ruddy cheeks and a spring step, he did not look anything like his sixty years; he might well have passed for being twenty years younger. It is hard to think that this splendid and manly figure is laid low in death. He was a man of universal popularity. Condour, courage, sweetness of temper were written in every line of his handsome face He is one of the many journalists who have sacrificed their lives in the discharge of their professional duties. He was among the correspondents shut up in Ladysmith during the historic siege, and his premature death is certainly due to the hardships and privations he there endured.

I have been asked—and I willingly comply—to call attention to the morning concert which is to take place at Stafford House on Tuesday, April 11th, in aid of the Oxygen Hospital. The Princess Louise the Duchesses of Sutherland, Portland, Wellington, and Westminster, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and a number of other charitable ladies are interesting themselves strongly in this most deserving charity. The concert, which is to take place in the spacious and magnificent rooms of Stafford House, is certainly rich in attractions. Among the many artistes who have promised to give their services are Miss Ellen Terry, Miss Lena Ashwell, Miss. Violet Vanbrugh, Mr. Arthur Bourchier, Mr Maurice Farkoa, Mr. Frank Lincoln, Herr Abbas, the'cellist, Herr Sametini, the violinist, and a host of others. The Oxygen Hospital has done immense service to the relief of human suffering. I trust that this exceptionally attractive entertainment will produce a considerable addition to its resources.

I have written more than once of the excellent teaching which is given by my friend Mme. Schneider to young ladies anxious to learn French in Paris. Mme, Schneider is not only a marvellous linguist herself, but has the power of imparting her knowledge to others with great quickness and invariably with success. She is, besides, unselfish, and so womanly a woman that any girl entrusted to her care will not only be well looked after, but will get lessons in the highest qualities of womanhood. Mme. Schneider's address is 16 Rond Point de la Porte Maillot. I believe she will have soon a few vacancies for young ladies. I confidently recommend parents to send their children to her.

In the art of letter-writing Mr. Gilbert is no less sarcastic. But of his many brilliant efforts in the way of letter-writing none probably touched his answer to an American enquiry. Some time back it was decided to hold an exhibition in San Francisco, and certain prominent men were asked to contribute their opinion on the proposal. The eminent painter, when approached, replied that an exhibition of this kind should elevate very considerably the artistic sense of the masses. The leading diplomat felt that such an exhibition could not fail materially to assist the great cause of international unity, and other celebrities manufactured fitting platitudes to suit the occasion. Not so Mr. Gilbert who wrote: Sir.—I view the proposal to hold an international exhibition in San Francisco "with on equanimity bordering on indifference."

Your notes on Lord Grimthorpe (writes "Albanian)" suggest endless reminincences of the redoubtable lawyer, builder, restorer and letter-writer, and especially of his much-criticised rescue of St. Alban's abbey from ruins. No part of the building has been more criticised than the great circular pulpit in the nave. When the late Duke of Teck visited the Abbey on one occasion, he was very much struck with this curious monument of ponderousness. "They call it Lord Grimthorpe's jam pot," explained a member of the party who was acting as guide. The duke laughed and said, I call it a—a—beer—vat! How it strikes the childish mind is interesting. Last Saturday I took my little boy aged two years and one month to the Abbey, and we sat in the nave near the pulpit, he had been warned not to speak, and so he sat and scrutinised everything around for a few minutes, At last he caught hold of my arm and pointed to the pulpit, unable to restrain himself any longer: Oh! there's a drum! he said.

In 1841 the Sultan of Borneo granted to Sir James Brooke the principality of Sarawak and dominion over 320,000 souls, whereupon that gentleman assumed the title of Rajah, a title that the nephew who succeeded him assumed in due course. The Rajah, however, so far as Cambridge is concerned is not so much Sir Charles Antony Brooke, G.C.M.G., as his second son Mr. B.W.D. Brooke who was born at the Palace of Kuching some seven and twenty years ago, and succeeded to the Presidency of the Cambridge University Boat Club in 1901. Mr. Brooke's first appearance in the boat was in 1900 when the old Wykehamist assisted the Light Blues to win by twenty lengths in 18 min 46sec., a time representing the most speedy journey yet accomplished by the rival 'Varsities.

Although monarchs' sons have been notably absent from the 'Varsity boats, there have been quite a number of other titled oars. In the boat that was so woefully defeated in 1900, which included Mr. H. B. Kittermaster, one of the heaviest oars that ever gained his blue, was Lord Grimston, an old Etonian and himself a man of some weight, as can be gathered from the fact that at the age of twenty he scaled 13st. 10 3-4lb. Viscount Grimston is the heir of the Earl of Verulam, who by-the-way, is one of the three peers holding a title in each of the three kingdoms; the other two are the Duke of Abercorn and the Marquis of Lansdown. Talking of heavy oars, the heaviest of all was Prebendary Toogood of York, who rowed in the initial race in 1829, and of whom the future Bishop of St. Andrews, who rowed in the same race, when writing to C. Merivale a friend in the rival boat, who eventually became Dean of Ely, said: "Toogood (Balliol) for you, but just the man for us."

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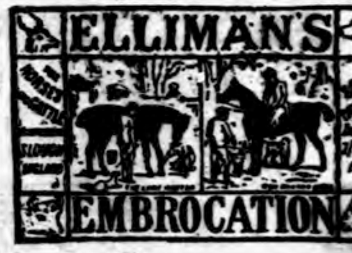

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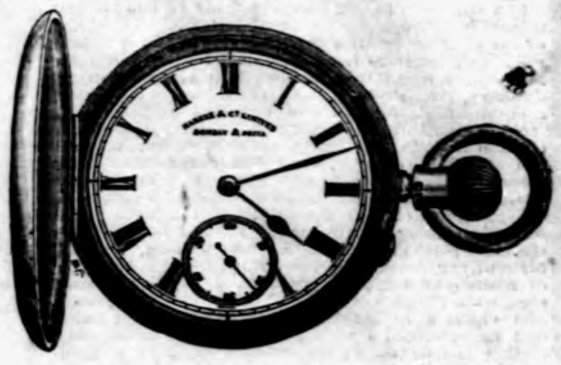

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